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BRITISH ARMY FORCED BY TURKS TO RETREAT IN MARCH ON BAGDAD

General Townshend's Troops Apparently Had City Almost Within Grasp.

FORCES OUTNUMBERED

Rumania May Yet Join Allies or Allow Russians to Pass Into Bulgaria.

Desperate Fighting Continues in Gorizia District.

London, Dec. 4. — The British, German and Turkish accounts of the recent fighting in Mespotamia, while containing minor disparities respecting the casualties and character of the British retreat on the Tigris, clearly establish the fact that without further reinforcements to equal the overpowering odds against which they have been struggling, the British troops under General Townshend have little prospect of continuing the march to Bagdad, which city appeared a few weeks ago to be almost within their grasp.

Were in Very Environs.

Having advanced during October and November through the desert of Irak to the very evirons of Bagdad, the British force is now retiring upon Kut-El-Amara, 80 miles southeast of Ctesiphon, the scene of the battle fought in the latter part of November in which the British troops met their first serious check.

The position therefore of General Townshend's force is much the same as in September after the battle of Kut-El-Amara. According to a recent account large Turkish reinforcements, supplementing the forces which already outnumbered the British forces four to one, were flung against the British troops retiring down the Tigris, and made a British stand impossible.

There have been no military events of any importance in the Balkans since the fall of Monastir. Recent reports make Rumania loom unusually large on the Balkan horizon, and that country is generally accredited with the intention either of joining the Allies or at least stretching her neutrality to the point of allowing the passage of Russian troops. There has been, however, no confirmation of the report that Russian troops have already entered Rumanian territory.

To Commandeer Foreign Ships

Rumania's declaration that after Monday she will commandeer all foreign ships anchored in Rumanian ports, is regarded by some as proof of Rumania's intention to abandon her neutrality, but the British press and public in general, which have grown skeptical over premature announcements of changes in the policy of the Balkan states, show little disposition to take a favorable issue for granted until it is established beyond the possibility of a doubt.

Aside from the continuance of desperate fighting between Austrians and Italians in the Gorizia district, there is comparatively little activity on the other fronts.

RETIRING TO KUT-EL-AMARA

Total British Casualties at Ctesiphon Amounted to 4,467.

London, Dec. 4.—The British army in Mesopotamia in in retreat. Official announcement was made today that the forces of General Townshend were retiring to Kut-El-Amara. The statement says:

"General Townshend remained in occupation of the battlefield at Ctesiphon, beating off all counter attacks, till he had completed the removal of his wounded and of 1,600 prisoners taken from the enemy; but in view of our heavy losses and arrival of Turkish reinforcements he then withdrew.

"It is reported that our total casualties in these actions amounted to 4,567. No report is made of any political officer being wounded as was alleged in the Turkish official statement."

ARE PURSUING BRITISH

Turkish Report Says Four British River Vessels Have Been Sunk.

Berlin, (via Wireless to Sayville), Dec. 4.—An official Turkish report was given out here today by the Overseas News Agency states that pursuit of the defeated British army is being carried on energetically and that four British river vessels have been captured.

MEET TO CONSIDER PHASES OF AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING

Committee Will Supervise Activities of Loyd's Registry System.

Philadelphia Dec. 4.—Heads of almost all the large shipbuilding firms in the eastern states attended an official conference at Charles E. Mathers' estate, West Chester Pa., today, to consider phases of the American shipbuilding industry, affected by the recent establishment in this country of a committee of Lloyd's registry association.

FEDERAL OFFICERS ARREST BRINCKEN

Alleged Associate of C. C. Crowley Surrenders.

HELD UNDER $10,000 BAIL

Charged With Attempting to Destroy Commerce With Entente Allies. Robt. Capelle, Another German, Also Searched.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, who claimed immunity from arrest as military attache of the German consul general here last night, surrendered early tonight to Federal authorities and was charged with attempting to destroy commerce with the Entente Allies. He was released on bail bond of $10,000.

The arrest of von Brincken was in connection with the alleged conspiracy to block traffic and destroy vessels carrying food, clothing and ammunition to the Allied countries in the European war. The formal charges associate him with Charles C. Crowley, a detective, and Lewis J. Smith, Crowley's alleged accomplice in the handling of German funds for destructive purposes.

The Federal authorities indicated an intention to press other neutrality cases by ordering service of a subpoena upon Robert Capelle, agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, who was said by them to have been secreted on board the German bark Ottawa, interned off Sausalito across the bay from San Francisco, since the beginning of the war.

Search for Capelle was begun ten days ago following testimony in the Hamburg-American case in New York, that $750,000 was sent here for disbursement upon the orders of Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German embassy.

According to J. W. Preston, United States district attorney here, von Brincken was an independent agent in the United States. Preston said that so far as he could learn the German officer had no connection with the embassy at Washington, the consulate general here, or other German consulates in the country.

A MOST IMPORTANT ARREST.

Officials Convinced Most of Conspirators Have Been Arrested.

Washington, Dec. 4.—After weeks of investigation covering the entire country, Department of Justice officials were convinced tonight that they had under arrest most of the men implicated in plots to interfere with American commerce in munitions of war.

The arrest today in San Francisco of Baron von Brincken who claims to be connected with the office of the German consul general there, is regarded here as one of the most important made in several weeks. The baron, according to the information here, was a prominent figure in the plans of C. C. Crowley, arrested in the same city charged with plots against munition factories.

More arrests are to be made in the Crowley case and important developments are looked for when all the witnesses the government is seeking reach San Francisco and give their testimony.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—Otis Going, of Union, S. C., tonight was re-elected as captain of the University of South Carolina football team for next season. Going has played at tackle and at guard for three years.

SUPPORT IN HOUSE OF DEFENSE PLANS NOW IS CERTAINTY

Assured by Democratic Committee Nominations Made in Caucus Yesterday.

KITCHIN IS SATISFIED

No Opposition to His Continuing as Head of Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Democratic nominations for House committees announced today by the House Democratic caucus, which will be laid before the House Monday, assure support for President Wilson's National defense programme. Republicans on the committees will be announced later. Five of six new members of the naval committee are "big navy" men.

Oscar Callaway, of Texas, named to succeed the late Representative Witherspoon of Mississippi, is opposed to any material increase in the navy. Witherspoon was of the same conviction and the naming of Callaway was in recognition of how Witherspoon would have voted if he had returned to Congress. The new members of the military affairs committee are said to be unanimously in favor of a larger army.

Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, is opposed to the programme of preparedness, but he said today that he was satisfied with the personnel of the committees. No opposition developed to Kitchin's continuing to head the ways and means committee.

These are the Democratic designations to the army and navy committees:

Naval — Padgett, Tennessee, chairman; Talbott, Maryland; Estopinal, Louisiana; Riordan, New York; Tribble, Georgia; Hensley, Missouri; Buchanan, Illinois; Gray, Indiana; Callaway, Texas; Hart, New Jersey; Connelly, Kansas; Oliver, Alabama, and Liebel, Pennsylvania.

Military—Hay, Virginia, chairman; Dent, Alabama; Fields, Kentucky; McKellar, Tennessee; Quinn, Mississippi; Gordon, Ohio; Littlepage, West Virginia; Shallenberger, Nebraska; Farley and Caldwell, of New York; Wise, Georgia; Onley, Massachusetts, and Nicholls, South Carolina.

The championships of the larger committees remain unchanged from the last session. Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina, who figured prominently as an insurgent of the banking and currency committee last year, was not re-nominated to that committee but was placed on the foreign affairs committee. Thirteen Democrats and eight members of the minority parties will compose each of the larger committees.

ABANDON CLOTURE PROPOSAL

Democratic Senate Caucus Agrees it is Non-Partisan Question.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The fight to commit Senate Democrats to a cloture rule which began immediately after the ship purchase bill was filibustered to death in the Senate at the last session, practically was abandoned at today's meeting of the Democratic caucus, although it was agreed that a non-partisan effort should be made to correct abuses that have made endless filibusters a matter of frequent practice.

It was declared to be the sense of the caucus that revision of the rules should not be a partisan question, and that the whole subject should be referred to the rules committee. A resolution to that effect will be introduced in Congress Monday, and the rules committee, of which Senator Overman is

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GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN U-BOAT ATTACKS AMERICAN STEAMER

Wireless Call for Help From Unnamed Ship South of Crete Reaches Athens—Collier Caesar Reported Probably in Vicinity From Which Message Was Sent.

Athens, Dec. 4.—A wireless S. O. S. call reached Athens this morning from an unnamed American ship, the message stating that she was being attacked by an Austrian or German submarine south of the Island of Crete. Subsequent efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless. The American legation here sent a report regarding the matter to Washington.

The collier Caesar, which is in eastern Mediterranean waters, may be in the vicinity from which the message was sent.

Word from the collier Caesar received in Washington and given out today was that she sailed yesterday from Port Said, at the entrance of the Suez canal, for Alexandria and a few passengers and refugees aboard.

NO REPORT TO WASHINGTON

Suggested Vessel May Be Greek Merchant Ship Flying American Flag.

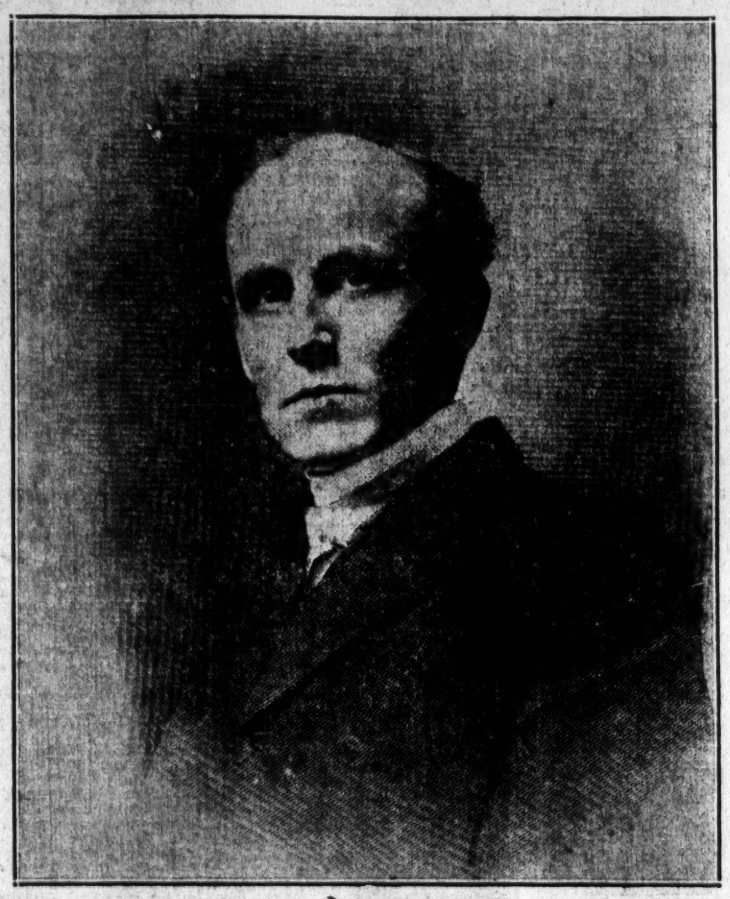
Washington, Dec. 4.—The State Department late today had received no official information regarding the reported attack on an American ship in the Mediterranean. Officials thought there was little possibility that the collier Caesar was the ship referred to in news despatches as attacked by a submarine, and suggested that it probably was one of a small fleet of merchant vessels plying in Grecian waters under the American flag but owned entirely by Greek capital. An attack on a ship of that status, it was said, probably would not confront the United States with a serious international problem unless there were Americans aboard.

SCHOONER IN COLLISION SUNK OFF CAPE HATTERAS

New York, Dec. 4.—The American schooner Linah C. Kamenski was sunk off Cape Hatteras today in a collision with the Spanish steamer Conde Wifredo, according to a wireless message from the Spanish steamship transmitted to the Marconi wireless station at Miami, Fla. The schooner's crew was saved.

The Wifredo was bound from Galveston to Barcelona and the schooner from Newport News to Cuba.

ALL WHO CAN WILL HEAR HIM PREACH THIS MORNING.



Bishop John C. Kilgo, who is presiding at the Annual Session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference in Wilmington, will preach in Grace church today at 11 o'clock. "The Bishop's Sermon" is always one of the big events of the annual conference and it is always heard by all who can get into the church, sitting or standing, and crowds are turned away after the church has been filled to overflowing. Bishop Kilgo is recognized as one of the very strongest preachers in the South.

WILL PROBE OTHER CONSUL OFFICIALS

Wide Investigation to be Made by United States.

OF THOSE SUSPECTED

Allies May Refuse Safe Conduct to Boy-Ed and Von Papen, Although Their Presence in United States is Undesired.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Developments following the request for withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Franz Von Papen, nava. and military attaches of the German embassy, indicated today that the State Department would conduct a wide investigation of foreign consul officials in the United States whose suspected activities in some instances are looked upon with extreme disfavor. Should the investigation disclose that any of the officials have acted in a manner considered improper their exequaturs will be cancelled or the State Department will find other means of having them discontinued in the offices they hold.

Any action taken will undobutedly have the full approval of President Wilson. It is understood that the State Department is proceeding with the utmost care, and officials are reluctant to discuss the matter. It was said at the department tonight, however, that no decision had been reached in the case of Alexander Von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York, whose name frequently has been mentioned in connection with the activities of Boy-Ed and Von Papen.

May Refuse Safe Conduct.

The Entent Allies, it became known today, probably will refuse to grant safe conducts for the return to Germany of the two attaches, on the ground that they are not civil officers but are actively connected with Germany's fighting forces and should they be allowed to return to Germany, they might not only take part in the hostilities but impart to German officials information which might prove of great military value. They would be free to proceed to Mexico, it was pointed out.

It was made clear at the State Department today that to have the attaches remain in this country even as private citizens would be undesirable.

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FORD EXPEDITION SAILS FOR EUROPE

Throngs Gather at Pier to Bid the Party Farewell.

BRYAN IS AMONG CROWD

Spends Some Time on Ship Bidding Party "Good Speed"—Mr. Ford Confident Mission Will Accomplish Great Good.

New York, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford and more than 80 members of the Ford Peace Commission sailed from here today on the steamer Oscar I, for Christiana, Norway, for the purpose of creating sentiment for a conference of neutral nations in the hope of ending the European war. The party was accompanied by 57 newspaper correspondents and photographers and more than 20 general assistants, secretaries and stenographers.

The steamer sailed at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon, one hour and 15 minutes later than the scheduled sailing hour. The delay was caused largely by the late arrival of 15 members of the Ford party, as well as the large crowd which thronged the ship to bid farewell to various members of the party.

William J. Bryan spent some time on the ship bidding "good speed," as he termed it, to the party. Thomas A. Edison was another of those who called on Mr. Ford after the latter had boarded the steamer.

"There is some chance for the mission to succeed," said Mr. Bryan, "that is all I care to say now, except that I wish them every good fortune."

Message from King Haakon.

Just before the gang plank was pulled up a cable messenger rushed on the ship, and it was reported that Ford had received a message from King Haakon, of Norway, stating the Ford party would be courteously received in Norway.

Much excitement prevailed on the ship and the dock for some time prior to the sailing. This held up the work of examining passports and tickets and other matters incidental to the sailing. Officials of the line, fearful that the steamer would not be able to leave the pier until after dark, held a hurried conference. As a result of this a representative of the line boarded the vessel and sailed for the purpose of checking up all persons on board. It was then said by the line officials that the Ford party would probably total 175.

Conditions were such for an hour or more before the vessel sailed that all persons who had passports and who were identified by Ford's representatives as having been invited were permitted to board the ship and sail. Despite this leeway, however, it was stated that several persons who had intended to sail had not reached the city. It was thought that among these were representatives of some western universities.

Ship is Decorated.

All of the saloons and many of the cabins on the steamer were decorated with palms, ferns, flowers, flags and streamers representing the national

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SENTENCE IMPOSED ON FOUR OFFICIALS

Dr. Buenz, Cotter and Hachmeister Given 18 Months.

IN PRISON AT ATLANTA

Poppinghaus Was Sentenced to One Year and Hamburg-American Line Was Fined One Dollar—Appeal Regarded Certain.

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. Carl Buenz, George Cotter and Adolph Hachmeister, of the Hamburg-American Line, recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, were sentenced today to serve one and a half years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Joseph Poppinghaus was sentenced to one year. The Hamburg-American Line was fined one dollar. Bail was fixed at $10,000 in each case and was accepted from a surety company.

The trial of Dr. Buenz and his associates was the culmination of an investigation begun last winter by Federal agents into the chartering and sailing of certain vessels from American ports in August, September and December, 1914.

It was charged that these vessels concealing their purpose by false manifests and clearance papers, were engaged in supplying provisions to German cruisers which were raiding Entente commerce in the South Atlantic ocean. Judge Howe overruled motions for the defense for dismissal of the verdict on the ground that it was contrary to the evidence and law.

United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall, moving sentence, said it was "his painful duty to ask for substantial punishment, not as much for its effects on the defendants but to serve as a warning to others."

None of the defendants showed any emotion. Prior to the opening of court they were surrounded by a number of sympathizers with whom they chatted freely. Dr. Buenz told his listeners that his only regret was that the American people should believe he had done anything to injure them or had ever had anything but the kindliest feelings toward this country.

Through Mr. Rand, the aged director of the Hamburg-American Line, asked Judge Howe to take into consideration that the three co-defendants were his subordinates, and that if any offense was committed they were merely acting under his orders.

The nominal fine imposed on the Hamburg-American company was explained by Judge Howe as due to his wish to free the case, as far as possible from the "odor of money." The lighter sentence imposed on Poppinghaus was in recognition of the fact that he occupied a subordinate position and had merely carried out the orders of his superiors.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The $200,000 fund sought to bring the Republican and Democratic National conventions to Chicago has been raised, Fred W. Upham, chairman of the Citizens' committee announced today.

M. E. CONFERENCE FOR PROHIBITION IN STATE AND NATION

Membership of the Churches Increased to 89,464 During the Past Year.

MEETS NEXT IN DURHAM

Reports of Various Boards Yesterday Show Gratifying Growth and Progress.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference yesterday accepted an invitation, presented by Rev. H. M. North, to hold its next annual session with Memorial church in Durham. The only other church asking for the Conference was Jarvis Memorial church, of Greenville, but the vote of the Conference was 114 to 25 in favor of the Durham church.

The Conference yesterday adopted recommendations of the committee on temperance by which the Conference memorializes Congress to submit the National prohibition amendment to the states for ratification and to enact a prohibition law for the District of Columbia, and memorializes the Legislature of North Carolina to enact laws to limit the legal possession of liquors in the State, to prohibit the sale of wine and cider, and to prohibit the shipment into the State or the receipt within the State of intoxicating liquors from other states. Also the Legislature will be asked to prohibit liquor advertising in the State.

A large part of the session was consumed in hearing the reports of various Conference boards and committees, discussion and adoption of these reports. From various reports the following statistics are compiled, showing something of the work in the Conference the past year and of the status of the Conference affairs: Additions on profession of faith, 5,975; present total membership, 89,464; net gain for the year, 4,240; infants baptized, 3,150; Sunday school enrolment, 75,526; paid for foreign missions, $23,455; home missions, $20,851; paid presiding elders, $18,641; paid preachers in charge $187,000; grand total of money collected for the year, $524,226; value of churches, $2,421,284.

Bishop John C. Kilgo will preach at Grace church this morning at 11 o'clock and immediately after the sermon the class of deacons will be ordained. This morning at 9:30 o'clock will be the annual love feast and service of prayer, testimony and song which will be conducted by Rev. A. D. Betts and Rev. W. H. Moore. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the memorial services will be conducted. Five ministers have died during the year and memoirs of them will be read by members of the conference. At 7:30 o'clock this evening, Rev. W. W. Peele, of Trinity College, will preach. The public is cordially invited to attend all services at Grace church today.

Practically all the Protestant pulpits of the city, both white and colored, will be occupied by members of the Conference today and tonight.

The effect of the European war upon the mission work of the church was discussed in an able address by Rev. Dr. E. F. Cook, of Nashville, Tenn., at Grace Methodist church last evening, the occasion being the anniversary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the North Carolina Conference. Dr. Cook was introduced by Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of Grace church, who is also president of the Conference Board of Missions.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of Goldsboro, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Conference, read the report of contributions for home and foreign missions by the Conference this year, the total being approximately $48,000. For foreign missions, $23,455 was contributed, an increase of $1,768 over last year's report. For home and conference missions, $20,851 was contributed, or an increase of $1,615.

The Conference will more than probably adjourn by about 1 o'clock Monday, immediately after the reading of the list of appointments for the ensuing year, which is the one event of the annual meeting of intense universal interest among the Methodists throughout the Conference territory. At the close of yesterday's session the Conference was well up with its work, so that there is no prospect now that Monday morning's session will not end the annual gathering.

Wants a Singing Conference.

At the opening devotional services of the Conference yesterday morning, Bishop Kilgo's talk was briefer than usual, the main feature being an exhortation to the younger members of the conference to learn to sing the old time hymns and tunes of the fathers and to use them, instead of the new and modern songs of the present day. He said that while the North Carolina Conference is superior to others in various respects, others beat it when it comes to singing. "I want you to make this a singing Conference," he said. He considers singing an essential part of religious work and deems it an important part of the religious life.

Speaking of the difference between the ways of the fathers and the present generation, Bishop Kilgo said: "I'm not surprised that our fathers shouted. I'm not surprised that we have quit it. They had something to shout over; we haven't much." "Stand Up for Jesus," and "I'm Glad Salvation's Free" were the hymns sung during the service and the prayer was led by Rev. E. E. Rose.

On recommendation of Presiding Elder J. T. Gibbs, of the Fayetteville district, Rev. N. M. McDonald was readmitted to the Conference, as was also

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TO AMERICA COMES A NEW CHALLENGE

To Assume Leadership in Missionary Endeavor.

SO SAYS REV. DR. COOK

In Interesting and Instructive Missionary Address at Grace Church—European War Has Created Many Problems in East.

The effect of the European war upon the foreign mission work of the church was the theme of a very interesting address at Grace Methodist church last night by Rev. Dr. E. F. Cook, of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board of Missions of the Southern Methodist church, who but a few months ago returned from a trip around the world in which he visited practically every foreign mission field of his church with the exception of Africa. He gave an interesting report of the conditions in the different countries.

Dr. Cook made a clear-cut argument for a greater interest in mission work in this country, declaring his belief that this is indeed a crisis in the world's history which demands attention as never before. There are three elements which must be considered in missionary work, he declared, and these may be designated as problems, crises and challenges. Much as we would like to get away from problems, it is impossible to do so and as a result of the present crisis brought about by the European war, there comes to America a challenge to leadership in the field of missions and for support of the missionary work of the world.

Dr. Cook discussed the problem of missions under four heads, after giving a brief resume of condition in the foreign fields, as it has been created by the European war, naming first of all that the base of supplies has been changed. England, Germany and France—the three nations that have been bearing half of the support of the missions of the foreign fields are now engaged in war and the word comes that at least half of what they have been contributing will have to be cut off; also half of the re-enforcement in the way of men and women. It is imperative that the people of America supply this extra money and the extra forces, the speaker declared, or else there will come a halt in the present great work.

A second effect of the war has been the shifting of religious leadership to America. Europe has long occupied this position but for the next ten years, even if the war should end now, the countries there will be fully occupied in rehabilitating themselves.

As the third result of the war, the speaker named the fact that a real sense of religious leadership is coming to Japan. If ever there were needed men of education, of ability and of capacity to lead in the work of Christianizing that country it is now, the speaker declared. Unless steps are taken to properly direct this religious sense that is being awakened in Japan, it is important that steps be taken to avoid a conflict between pagan Japan and Christian America.

Incidentally the speaker reiterated his belief that the present horrible war—the like of which the world has never seen before—is a war of kings and emperors and not of the masses. He told of having been on board a ship last Christmas as it crossed the Pacific and as passengers on this ship were representatives of all belligerent nations. They all worshipped the same God and believed in the same religion. There was no animosity between them. The speaker repeated again that the war is not of the masses.

As the last effect of the war as it concerns missions, the speaker named the fact that it has raised a great new question in the East and that is as to the real truthfulness of the Christian religion. They are asking if the war does not indicate that the Christian religion does not have in it the power that has been claimed for it by its professors.

Dr. Cook made an earnest, intelligent, dispassionate plea that Methodist ministers should keep in mind the problems he had called to their attention and go back to their respective charges with a deep sense of the responsibility resting upon them.

M. E. CONFERENCE FOR PROHIBITION IN STATE AND NATION

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H. M. Jackson, of the Newbern district, on recommendation of Presiding Elder J. E. Underwood.

Asbury Memorial.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, a member of the Conference, but editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tenn., offered a resolution, which was adopted, that, next March 31 being the 100th anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury, Memorial services should be held in all the churches on a day as near that date as practicable and the preacher for the next Conference annual sermon be directed to preach on the life and work of Asbury. The resolution was signed by Dr. Ivey, Rev. H. M. North and R. L. Flowers.

Rev. G. T. Adams, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, was recognized to make an appeal in behalf of Rev. C. W. Smith and family. A collection was taken, which amounted of $129.21, most all in cash.

Not Against Capital Punishment.

A communication from the Friends church of North Carolina was presented by Dr. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, requesting the Conference to appoint a committee to confer with committees from the Friends and other churches on the advisability of memoralizing the Legislature of North Carolina to abolish capital punishment in this State, substituting therefor life imprisonment. The request was declined by vote of the Conference.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, organ of the General Conference of the South, made an address in behalf of that publication.

Dr. E. L. Cook, of Nashville, representing the foreign department of the mission board of the Southern Methodist church, was recognized and greeted the Conference. He recently returned from a trip of investigation of the mission situation in the Orient.

Tells of Duke Gift.

Bishop Kilgo told the Conference about the recent gift of Mr. J. B. Duke of $35,000 a year for the cause of Methodism in North Carolina. Ten thousand dollars is for the benefit of worn out preachers and is to be handled by the trustees of Trinity College, the philanthropist's idea being to form a vital connecting link between the college and these old ministers, that each may be caused to think more of the other. Another portion of the fund is to be used in extension and development work in the rural districts. Bishop Kilgo said that Mr. Duke would not have it otherwise, saying "There's no religion in the city. You have to go to the country to get religion and bring it into the city."

A resolution read by Rev. J. C. Wooten was adopted by the Conference, thanking Mr. Duke for the gift and expressing appreciation for it. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, chairman of the mission board, spoke briefly of the great benefit that the work of the church in North Carolina will derive and is already receiving from the fund provided by Mr. Duke.

Board Reports Heard.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance, of which Mr. William E. Springer, of Wilmington, is chairman, was read by the secretary, Rev. J. A. Hornaday. The report showed that of the $3,500 assessed for Bishops' Fund for the past year, $3,261 was paid. The board recommends the same assessment for each district the coming year as was assessed last year. For Conference claimants and superannuate endowment fund $8,305 was paid the past year. The grand total collected during the year for all purposes was $524,226.

The report of the Sunday School Board, of which Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, is chairman, was read. It showed thrifty and gratifying growth of the Sunday school work for the past year.

The Epworth League Board's report showed splendid growth during the year, the total membership being now 4,640. Seventeen new societies have been organized during the year.

Durham Gets Conference.

Under the call of the question, "Where shall the next annual session of the Conference be held?" Rev. H. M. North presented an invitation from Memorial church, Durham, and Rev. G. M. Daniel, for Jarvis Memorial church, Greenville, asked that the Conference go to that church. The vote was taken and Durham Memorial won by a vote of 114 to 25.

The report of the Orphanage Board was read, showing that $30,131 had been collected for that work during the year. The report mentioned the death of former Superintendent John N. Cole and the election of Rev. A. S. Barnes as his successor, the board expressing gratification over the fact that the new superintendent has demonstrated the wisdom of his selection for the place. The report recommends that January be set apart as Orphanage month and that the following be named as trustees: W. R. Allen, J. C. Biggs, J. G. Brown, J. S. Carr, L. S. Massey, W. E. Springer, R. N. Page, Graham Woodward, R. R. Covington, J. F. Bruton.

The annual memorial service was set for Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, on motion of Rev. J. D. Bundy, after being amended and following some discussion.

Col. J F Bruton Heard.

Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, made a brief address in behalf of the Orphanage, making an appeal for greater support to the end that the work of the institution may be enlarged, that more orphans may be taken in, he stating that there are many crying for admittance who cannot be taken in without enlargement. His talk was very impressive and was well received. The committee report was adopted.

The report of the committee on temperance was read and adopted, following an address by Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, who explained and emphasized the various recommendation of the report. The report recommended that the Conference memorialize Congress to submit the National prohibition amendment for ratification by the state and to enact a prohibition law for the District of Columbia; also that the Conference memorialize the State Legislature to enact laws to prohibit the manufacture and sale of wine and hard cider in North Carolina and to prohibit the shipment of liquor into the State as well as to limit the legal possession of liquors in the State.

The Temperance Platform.

mittee, which was adopted by the Conference, makes the following recommendations:

"First: That this Conference memorialize the 64th Congress to submit the question of National prohibition to the states and to enact a law that will prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia.

"Second: That this Conference memorialize the next General Assembly to enact a law or laws that will prohibit the advertising of liquor, the storing or keeping of liquor in social clubs and the sale and manufacture for sale of wine and hard cider; that will prohibit the delivery of liquor by public carriers or others, and that will limit to one-half gallon the amount of spiritous liquors that can be legally possesed by any individual. Realizing that the enactment of the legislation outlined alone depends upon the characters of the members of the General Assembly, we urge our people to use their influence for the nomination and election of representatives who will favor such legislation.

"Third: That in response to the request made by the North Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we designate Sunday, December 19th, as Temperance Day, and ask the pastors to pray on that day that the members of Congress may be divinely guided in their action upon the resolutions for national constitutional prohibition, and we ask the congregations to pass resolutions favoring the submission of National prohibition and to send copies of the same to their Congressman.

"Fourth: That this Conference authorize Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League to send a copy of these resolutions to Hon. F. M. Simmons, Senator, and to those Representatives in Congress, whose districts are within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference and to present a copy to both branches of our next Assembly.

"Fifth: That the bishop be requested to appoint Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, he having been elected to that position by the board of trustees of that organization."

Report on Education.

Following the reading of the report of the Board of Education, which showed that Trinity College, Greensboro College for Women, Louisburg College, Carolina College and Littleton College have had a good year and enjoyed splendid growth, Dr. Kilgo spoke briefly in behalf of Emory University, at Atlanta, and President Few, of Trinity College, was recognized and addressed the Conference briefly.

Bishop Kilgo told of the loss to Southern Methodism of Vanderbilt University, which he termed a great tragedy, and declared that Vanderbilt is the most un-American thing in America and that it is making a fight against Americanism and against local self-government.

The report of the committee on church property reported that there are 743 church buildings in the Conference and that the value of church property in the Conference bounds is $2,421,284.

PRESIDENT'S WEDDING TO BE SIMPLE AFFAIR

Will Take Place at Mrs. Galt's Home December 18.

Only Members of Two Families and Mr. Wilson's Immediate Household Will Attend—Honeymoon Plans Secret.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, which the White House announced today will be solemnized December 18 at the home of Mrs. Galt here. The arrangements virtually have been completed. The President will have no best man at the wedding and Mrs. Galt will not formally select a maid of honor, although one of her sisters, probably Miss Bertha Bolling, of this city, will attend her during the ceremony. It was announced at the White House that only members of the two families and the President's immediate household would attend the wedding and that no formal invitations would be issued, this surprised official Washington, as it had been expected that at least a few of the President's friends would be invited. The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Protestant Episcopal church here, which Mrs. Galt has attended in recent months, has been tentatively selected as the officiating clergyman, although it is possible that the Rev. Sylvester Beach, pastor of the President's church in Princeton, N. J., may assist. The President is a Presbyterian.

The President and Mrs. Galt spent practically the entire day together today discussing final arrangements for the wedding. They played golf this morning and went for an automobile ride this afternoon.

The wedding ceremony will be held in the drawing room of Mrs. Galt's home, where a temporary altar will be erected. The ceremony will be an evening affair. There will be no large reception afterwards, but official Washington will have an opportunity to extend personal congratulations at the Pan-American reception, the first of the formal social affairs of White House social season, January 7th.

Plans for the honeymoon is being kept secret, but it is known they plan to leave Washington shortly after the ceremony. The Mayflower, the President's yacht, is being kept here, and it has been reported that at least a part of the trip may be made on water.

In spite of intimations that the President and Mrs. Galt did not expect many wedding presents a number of officials and close friends are planning to send them gifts.

WILL PROBE OTHER CONSUL OFFICIALS

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The government has ruled that they are persona non grata, and wants them withdrawn entirely from the United States.

The State Department also made it clear that none of the information upon which it acted had been submitted to Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, Secretary Lansing taking the position that such action was unnecessary. It was said that the request for withdrawal of the attaches could hardly become the subject of diplomatic negotiations.

Testimony and Remarks Exaggerated.

Secretary Lansing said he had received stenographic report of the testimony and remarks of counsel in the sonspiracy trial of the officials of the Hamburg-American Line in New York, and that it showed that Assistant United States District Attorney Roger Wood had not gone as far as press dispatches indicated in his references to Captain Boy-Ed. Secretary Lansing was of the opinion that some accounts of the trial which reached Washington were "made of whole cloth." The references in the government attorney's speech most complained of applied not to Boy-Ed but to other persons, the secretary said.

MR. FRED T. SKIPPER DEAD

End Came Suddenly Last Midnight of Acute Indigestion at Home.

Many friends will hear with much sorrow of the death of Mr. Fred T. Skipper, one of Wilmington's best known citizens, which occurred suddenly las night at 12 o'clock at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. D. McEachern, No. 513 Chestnut street. Mr. Skipper was up and about as usual yesterday and was down street last night until 10 o'clock.

He went home about that hour and had gone to his room, but soon came out and told Mrs. McEachern, his sister, that he was not feeling well and asked for some simple household remedy. He came downstairs and after taking the remedy, lay down on a couch for a few minutes, but it was seen that he was not improving and Drs. W. H. Moore and C. P. Strosnider were hastily summoned. They reached him only a few minutes before his death, which was due to acute indigestion.

Mr. Skipper was born in Wilmington May 5, 1849 and was, therefore, in the 67th year of his age. For many years he was connected with the police department of Wilmington and last served as lieutenant of police and clerk of the Mayor's court. Later in the last few years, until a short time ago, he was clerk of the county recorder's court. For the past year or two he had not been actively engaged all his time but was downtown most every day and was apparently in his usual good health and fine spirits.

Mr. Skipper was preceded to the grave by his wife ten years or more ago and, of the immediate family, is survived now only by his sister, Mrs. D. McEachern, of this city, and by a brother, Thomas E. Skipper, of Brooklyn, N. Y., with whom Mr. Skipper only recently spent some time. These will have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Mr. Skipper was genial and kindly in his disposition and had a great many friends. He never spoke unkindly of anyone and the circle of his friends was the range of his acquaintance. Many will hear of his passing today with great regret.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

SOUTHERN TOURING ENTERS NEW ERA

Rapidly improving roads and the compilation of accurate running directions on principal routes will greatly facilitate motor travel in Dixie during the coming year.

Automobile touring is making rapid strides in popularity and interest through every one of the Southern States. This is due largely to the many local or district highway improvements in more or less constant progress within the territory below the Potomac and Ohio rivers, aideh very materially by the various through routes between the northern and central-western states and the South, which are being developed, marked and brought to the attention of thousands of motorists planning the longer trips. While there are some temporary drawbacks, such as the long delay in completing the highway between Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., and the meagre ferry service over the streams along the Gulf coast, the South as a whole is putting through a road-building programme unsurpassed by that of any equal area in the United States.

As a result, the time formerly taken for a tour, say from New York or Chicago to Atlanta, Florida or New Orleans, has been at least cut in two within the past few years, while facilities for the convenience and comfort of the tourists have been multiplied. Optional routes have been opened up in surprising numbers, some skirting the Atlantic Coast as closely as the nature of the country will permit, others crossing the ranges and threading the valleys of the Appalachian mountains, and still others following the comparative levels of the Mississippi River valley. So wide is the choice of routes across this large territory that the tourist may go one way and return the other for two or three successive seasons without exhausting them.

Now for the first time, also, the main roads of the Southeastern states have been logged on the same thorough plan as those of the North have been for several years past; and about January 15, they will be brought out in a new volume of the Automobile Blue Book—the sixth in a series which now covers the entire country. Since midsummer the experienced field forces of the publishers have been running constantly over the most important routes in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, taking complete notes and odometer mileages as the basis for text directions and outline maps, uniform with those of the older volumes. Similar work is now under way in Florida, that state having been taken up last to secure the benefit of the latest data on new construction, especially brick pavement being laid on several of its most important routes, both along the famous East Coast and in the interior.

From the Road Scout's Note Book.

Georgia, the "Empire State of the South," has the best average roads in the southeast; some of them are exceedingly good, and excellent time can be made over them in almost any direction. North Carolina, where sand-clay construction predominates, is making fine progress with its road work; and the same applies almost equally to South Carolina. Aside from the famous Shenandoah Valley, the north-and-south routes across Virginia are yet somewhat disappointing, especially those near the coast; but they are still better on an average than they were a few years ago, and present no serious inconvenience or difficulty, except perhaps some clay stretches in wet weather.

Florida is now fully alive to the necessity of providing better roads for its ever-increasing number of fall and winter visitors; and the various counties are spending about five million dollars for that purpose. Brick seems to be the most satisfactory material, superceding mile after mile of sand, muck and even bog. Being practically without grades, highway construction in Florida is relatively cheap, and progress throughout the State should be much more rapid in the future than in the past.

Perhaps the most backward important line in Florida is that from the lower border of Georgia near Valdosta to Madison, Live Oak, Lake City and into Jacksonville from the West, but the authorities have been stirred up, and the road should receive much benefit from being a part of the "Dixie Highway." By way of contrast, that part of the coast route from Jacksonville through Brunswick, Ga., has been so greatly improved that old-time tourists who remember the former one, with the bothersome ferry at Darien and the several miles of soggy road along the dikes through the rice fields, would hardly recognize it today. The trip from Valdosta, Florida, Pensacola, the state capital, is fine except for the relatively few miles from Milton to Pensacola, at least part of which will soon be put in better shape.

New Orleans Routes Made Easy.

There are now two good ways from Virginia points to New Orleans, the approved routes being substantially as follows: 1. Staunton, Natural Bridge, Lynchburg, Greensboro, Charlotte, Greenville, Athens, Atlanta, Montgomery, Meridien, Jackson, Baton Rouge, New Orleans; and (2) Richmond, Petersburg, Oxford, Durham, Pinehurst, Cheraw, Columbus, Augusta, Thomson, Macon, Oglethorpe, Albany, Thomasville, Bainbridge, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans. There are less than 100 miles of poor going on either of these routes, and most of it is fine.

The roads along the Gulf coast from Pensacola, Fla., to New Orleans will be found good about 90 per cent. of the way; and the scenery is among the most interesting in the entire South. From Pensacola to Scranton is fine except for the first few miles out of Pensacola; and the principal drawback to the longer portion from Mobile to New Orleans is the slow and infrequent service at the several ferries, particularly the one from Mandeville over Lake Pontchartrain to Crescent City, which crosses but once a day.

These facilities will, of course, be increased with the further development of motor touring. The Gulf coast resorts and watering places, such as Biloxi, Gulfport and Pass Christian, welcome the motoring visitor from the North with true Southern hospitality.

Considerable progress is being made from New Orleans north on the lower part of the important trunk line toward Memphis and Nashville. From the Crescent City to Baton Rouge is good; and thence to Jackson, Miss., is a fair road, constantly being improved. A new highway is being built from Jackson to Meridian, Miss., which will be ready in the spring. This through connection to the north from New Orleans is second in importance only to the one from Mobile and the Gulf Coast resorts.

Odds and Ends About Southern Roads.

In interior Alabama; Montgomery to Atlanta and Montgomery to Birmingham, all good; Birmingham to Atlanta, via Rome, and Birmingham to Chattanooga via Rome, good. More complete reports on Alabama will be available later.

South Carolina is building a State road from Columbia to Charleston via St. Matthews and Holly Hill; and another state road from Charleston to Augusta via Summerville, Blackville and Aiken. Both Blue Book routes from Atlanta to Chattanooga are good.

The unimproved, and very bad portion of the road from Washington to Fredericksburg, on the way to Richmond, has now been reduced to about 15 miles; but there is little hope of the completion of that stretch for the 1916 touring season.

There is fair prospect of a connection from Knoxville, Tenn., to Barboursville, Ky., and thence to Danville and Richmond, Ky., this road would be of supreme importance and a much-traveled connection between cenertla and eastern Kentucky and Florida points.

Additional investigations are being made of the highway from Roanoke to Bristol, Knoxville and Chattanooga, and also from Louisville to Knoxville, Nashville, and Birmingham, as well as from St. Louis and Memphis to Jacksonville. The Blue Book car making routes in the middle western territory has been co-operating with the field forces in the South to the extent of running over the intervolume territory between Louisville, Nashville and Memphis.

The routes of the Southern states will now average about as good as those of New England and New York state at the time road work was begun in those sections about 15 years ago; and the possibilities of touring below the Mason-Dixon Line bid fair to show a nearly-equal, if not fully-equal development.

ATTITUDE IN HOCKING CASE YET UNCERTAIN

State Department Awaiting Official Explanation.

Before Sending Protest Secretary Lansing Desires to Know Grounds Upon Which England Seeks to Justify Herself.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Pending receipt of Great Britain's official explanation, State Department officials still were uncertain tonight just what attitude the department would adopt regarding British requisition of the American steamer Hocking and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Company without prize court proceedings. A protest will be sent to London, but Secretary Lansing wants to know before determining its form the grounds upon which Great Britain expects to justify the action. Inquiries have been made through both the British embassy here and the American embassy in London.

Officials would not comment on press dispatches indicating the British explanation would be that the ships merely were being held without proceedings so that their cases might be transferred from the prize courts on this side of the Atlantic to the more important court at London. It was pointed out, however, that the generally accepted rules of prize courts provide that seized vessels be taken before the nearest courts and that due regard shall be had for the convenience of the owners.

SUPPORT IN HOUSE OF DEFENSE PLANS NOW IS CERTAINTY

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chairman, will endeavor to get the co-operation of Republican members in re-casting the methods of Senate procedure.

Senator Owen, chairman of the special committee which submitted a cloture rule to the caucus, withdrew the committee report today after several days' spirited discussion of the threatening subject. The step dispelled the possibility of a fight on the floor of the Senate Monday which might have delayed organization of the Senate for many days and preventing delivery of President Wilson's address on Tuesday as planned.

In view of the harmonious ending of the Senate caucus, Majority Leader Kern telegraphed Vice President Marshall that his presence in Washington on Monday would not be required. The vice president had wished to remain in Indianapolis for another week because of the illness of Mrs. Marshall. The Senate will be called to order by Secretary Baker and the first order of business will be the election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as president pro tempore. The old rules will prevail and the question of whether the Senate is a continuing body will not be pressed.

FAVORS MERCHANT MARINE.

Senator Clarke Will Not Oppose Measure to Go Before Congress.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Prospects for the administration merchant marine bill at the coming session of Congress were enhanced tonight when it became known that Senator James P. Clarke, or Arkansas, who led the Democratic revolt against the ship purchase bill in the last session, looked with favor upon the new ship bill proposed by government heads.

Invokes God's Reward For Pellagra Cure

Jumbo, Va.—J. H. Satterwhite writes: "I want to thank you for what you have done for me. You have cured my wife. God bless you in your work. I hope some day to see you; if I never see you I hope to meet you in heaven. God will reward you for your grand and noble work."

There is no longer any doubt that pellagra can be cured. Don't delay until it is too late. It is your duty to consult the resourceful Baughn.

The symptoms—hands red like sunburn, skin peeling off, sore mouth, the lips, throat and tongue a flaming red, with mucus and choking; indigestion and nausea, either diarrhoea or constipation.

There is hope; get Baughn's big Free book on Pellagra and learn about the remedy for Pellagra that has at last been found. Address American Compounding Co., Box 2697 Jasper, Ala., remembering money is refunded in any case where the remedy fails to cure.—Adv.

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JAPAN'S WARSHIPS ARE REVIEWED BY EMPEROR

American Cruiser Saratoga Occupies Place of Honor.

American Officers Much Impressed With the Many Manifestations of Friendship on the Part of the Japanese.

Yokohama, Dec. 4.—The emperor reviewed the Japanese fleet here today in connection with the celebration of his coronation. The United States cruiser Saratoga, flagship of the Asiatic fleet, had the place of honor opposite the new 30,000-ton Japanese battleship Fuzo. The commander of the American fleet, Rear Admiral Winterhalter, and his staff, accompanied the emperor on the battle cruiser Tsukuba. The American officers were much impressed by the many manifestations of friendship on the part of the Japanese.

From the heights surrounding the bay hundreds of thousands of persons witnessed the demonstration of Japan's sea power. There were 125 warships in line.

The Tsukuba steamed through the fleet, formed in five lines each five miles long. The crew of each warship shouted "Banzai" as the emperor passed by. The Saratoga was the only foreign vessel present. The blue jackets gave an American cheer in honor of the emperor.

During the review a fleet of hydroplanes soared above the warships. At noon Emperor Yoshihito transferred his standard to the Fuzo on board which he gave a luncheon for Rear Admiral Winterhalter and his staff and a large number of others. The emperor presented cups to Rear Admiral Winterhalter, Commander Standford E. Moses, of the United States monitor Monterey, and Commander Jay H. Sypher, chief of staff of the American Asiatic fleet. The empress sent several vases as a gift for Mrs. Winterhalter.

HANSON TO MEET VARGA

Plucky Little Swede Refuses to Show Yellow Streak.

Fritz Hanson, the local mat favorite, last night agreed to wrestle Joe Varga, the big Hungarian light heavyweight champion of all Europe, who had been around several days making brags that he was backing Hanson.

Hanson made a statement last night of why he had refused and why he accepted, both of which are very sensible. He says he consented to wrestle because the wrestling fans were about to class him as having a "yellow streak" if he didn't and he is just working to save his name. He refused because in the first place, Varga weighs between 180 and 190 pounds, but more particularly because he had heard of a recent match in Norfolk, in which Varga had been so rough that the police had to intervene and break up the match, and he wanted assurances that such would not happen in Woolvin Hall, and because under former management, he had arranged a match in the Academy of Music for Friday night with "Bull" Mantanee.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 4.—Official announcement that the Panama-California Exposition which was opened here January 1 of this year, will continue throughout 1915 as the Panama-California International Exposition was made today by G. A. Davidson, president of the exposition, who has accepted the presidency of the new project.

SHORTER SKIRTS WILL BE NEW SPRING STYLE

Short, Full and Youthful is the Slogan Adopted.

Garments for Middle Aged Women Will Be Almost as Jaunty as Those for College Girls, Style Committee Decides.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Short, full and youthful, will be the spring slogan for women's wear as the result of the decision of the style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, made public at its closing session here today. Skirts will be short and full and coats will be cut shorter. Because of a lack of materials and dyestuffs, due to the war, colors and textures will be less varied but the designer will make up for this with a wide range in cut and trimming.

Tucks and frills will emphasize the skirt fullness. Ripple effects will be good. Checks and stripes in all materials will be favorites, while dark, plain colors trimmed with vivid shades will be fashionable. Pockets on skirts and cuffs on sleeves of bold design in prominent color contrasts will be a feature. Garments for middle-aged women will be almost as jaunty as those for college girls. Belted effects and deep yokes in separate coats will emphasize this tendency and no wardrobe will be complete without a sports coat.

The new styles were shown by living models before the delegates this afternoon and were accompanied by many "ohs" and "ahs" as the new creations were made.

BODY OF STEPHEN LITTLE.

Young Robeson County Soldier Killed on Mexican Border—Funeral.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 4.—The remains of Stephen Little, of the United States Army, who was shot and killed Friday of last week on the Mexican border, arrived here tonight and will be carried to Fairmont tomorrow afternoon where the funeral will be held at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock. The citizens of Fairmont have given to the young man's father a lot in the cemetery to be used as a family square, have ordered a large display of flowers and are to bear all funeral expenses from here. Senator McLeod requests all young men in this section who have served in the army to attend the funeral in uniform. It is expected that the funeral will be largely attended as the killing of the young soldier has created much interest all through this section. The remains were shipped by express in a metallic casket with a number of floral tributes furnished by the government and companions of the young man.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS TO VOTE FOR WILSON FOR PRESIDENT.

Name Filed to be Placed on Primary Ballot Next Year.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—The name of President Woodrow Wilson as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination is on file today with the Secretary of State ready to be placed on the Nebraska primary ballot in 1916. The petition filed yesterday was signed by local Democrats, among them P. L. Hall, Nebraska Democratic National Committeeman.

Charles Bryan, mayor of Lincoln and brother of W. J. Bryan, refused to sign the petition. He said that he did not wish to embarrass the President, but if the petitioners would wait until he communicated with Mr. Wilson he might sign.

RAILROAD TO COMPETE WITH THE JITNEY LINES

Every-Hour Cars Between Raleigh and Durham.

New Match Law Effective January 1—New Regulation as to Fertilizers—Farmers Union Defense Action Defended.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—The Southern Railway Company is arranging to put in service a big gasoline passenger car between Raleigh and Durham that will make a trip about every hour of the day on schedules that will not interfere with the regular train service It is understood that this move is in opposition to the Durham jitney lines that have developed the past few months quite successfully. However, it is probable that the Southern will very soon extend this gasoline car service beyond Durham to take care of the congested passenger travel on the Graham, Haw River and other sections of the road between Durham and Greensboro.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, went to Wilson today to take a hand in the adjustment of the fire losses there through which the armory and contents of Company K, Second regiment, were destroyed. The special purpose is to ascertain the value of the equipemnt burned, which was the property of the War Department. There was no insurance on this and General Young will undertake to get a release from the Federal government to the value of the equipment burned and then procure a consignment of new equipment. It is an interesting fact that none of the equipment consigned to the states by the War Department is insurable and in cases of fire are always clear losses either to the State or the War Department.

New Match Law.

Attention of the people of the State is being directed by Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young to the fact that the new "Uniform Match Law" passed by the 1915 Legislature is to become effective in January and will materially change the type of matches that can be sold or used in this State, eliminating entirely the so-called "parlor matches" that are "single dipped." Also it stops the sale of the white phosphorus double dipped, strike-anywhere matches unless the bulb or first up of such matches is composed of a so-called safety or inert composition. And no matches can be sold in the State that will ignite in bulk under oven test under 200 degrees of heat in less than eight hours. The act is considered an important move on the part of the Legislature toward strict safety match regulations that the State Department expects to ultimately be adoped by the State authorities as precaution against fire losses.

New Fertilizer Regulation.

The State Board of Agriculture is having promulgated an important regulation that was adoped by the board at its recent meeting as to the standards of fertilizers under the new conditions that the European war has forced on the country as to ingredients for fertilizers. It provides for the registration in this State of fertilizers having as low as 10 per cent. plant food and commercial value equal to or greater than $18.60 per ton. The regulations are on the basis of nitrogen valued at 20 cents per pound, phosphoric acid at 5 cents per pound an potash at 10c per pound. The regulations are that the fertilizers must have 10 per cent. plant food based on the 1 per cent. of nitrogen being equal to 4 per cent. phosphoric acid in commercial value; 1 per cent. nitrogen to equal 2 per cent. of potash in commercial value.

Farmers' Union and Defense.

President R. A. Derby, of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention, having come out in an advertisement criticising the Farmers' Union for opposing "adequate preparation for National defense" and declaring that the executive committee of the Union framed such a resolution at the Durham meeting, Editor Clarence Poe, who is a member of the executive committee, declared today:

"Three charges have been made by critics of the Union, No. 1 is reiterated by Mr. Derby—that the executive committee drafted the resolution and pushed it through regardless of the rank and file. No. 2 is that the Farmers' Union is leaving its main work for rural betterment and rural legislation and makes opposition to army and navy increases a leading or paramount plank in its programme. No. 3 is that the resolution declared against any means of increasing military efficiency.

Now not one of these statements is true. As to Nos. 1 and 2 the facts are that the matter of opposing increased support of army and navy was not mentioned by the report of the executive committee, or the legislative committee, or the resolutions committee. On the contrary the resolution was presented by an individual, unofficial member after other reports and resolutions had been adopted. Thus the militarists who say it was an act of a small group of officers are mistaken, just as the pacifists are mistaken if they think the Farmers' Union spent its days and nights worrying about this question. The Union, so far as I could see, is going to stress just the main things it is united and dead in earnest about—rural credits, a State warehouse system like South Carolina's, repeal of the crop lien, race segregation in land ownership, a tax system which will put less burden on labor and more on inheritance and unused land, and the incorporation of rural communities.

"Now as for charge No. 3, while the Union opposed 'enormous increases' in taxation for standing army and dreadnaughts, I did hear frequent appeals for increased military efficiency by three methods: First, by training citizens for arms by some such identical system as the Australian system Mr. Derby himself advocates; second, spending money for submarines rather than dreadnaughts; and third, for making the money we already spend go further by having the government manufacture its own munitions instead of giving millions and millions in profits to private manufacturers."

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Charles C. Loughlin to W. M. Cumming, for $290 and other considerations, lot on the south side of Meares street, 128 1-3 feet east of Third, of irregular size; J. H. Salling and wife to C. B. Parmele, for $10 and other considerations, lot at Carolina Place.

STOREBREAKERS NEXT WEEK

Two Negroes Tried Yesterday on the Charge—Other Cases.

Hog Bear and Lancy, negroes alleged to be connected with recent storebreaking, made two very interesting cases in the Recorder's court yesterday. The former will get a hearing Monday, while the latter will be given trial Tuesday on charge of attempting storebreaking and storebreaking.

Hog Bear, as he is known to his negro friends, whose right name is said to be Charles Maloyd, is in jail in default of $100 bond, and will face two charges Monday. He was given a hearing yesterday on a charge of attempted storebreaking and another charge of vagrancy. Lancy, whose right name is said to be Arthur Berry, is held in default of $500 bond for trial next Tuesday on charge of storebreaking. These hearings are added to quite a large list of cases of similar nature, they having been continued from other days the past week to Tuesday.

Joe Nick Byrd, colored, was found guilty of gambling and fined $5 and costs.

Willie Hall, alias Willie Grady, colored, was tried on charge of beating a negro. The charge was changed from that of assault with deadly weapon to a simple assault and he was required to pay costs.

Addie Simmons and Willie Davis, both colored, having charged each other with assaults, and in this way had their names in the Recorder's "social column" were both discharged. The State stood the expense of their pranks.

The charge of violating the tax ordinances against Mr. A. F. Lott, was dismissed. Richard Sampson, colored, paid costs for firing a pistol in the city limits.

BIG MEET AT SHALLOTTE

Horse Traders' Tournament for People of Half a Dozen Counties.

There is local interest as well as interest throughout the surrounding counties in the Big Horse Traders' Tournament now being advertised to be held at Shallotte, Brunswick county, the third week in December, beginning Monday, December 13 and ending Saturday, December 18. It is proposed to make of this gathering a week of fun and amusement and a variety of attractions has been provided by the enterprising committee in charge. On Tuesday there will be an old-time barbecue; on Wednesday, an oyster roast; on Thursday, a fish fry and on Friday an exciting fox chase with 20 hounds. The invitations are general and the people are asked to come, bring all the horses possible and as there are now good roads throughout the county, automobiles will also be in order. Wednesday and Thursday will be special days for trading automobiles. Everything will be free during the week and all the camping ground desired will be furnished those who wish to come and camp for the week. A special invitation is extended to horse traders of Brunswick, Horry, Columbus, Bladen, Pender and New Hanover counties. If any further information is desired, it may be obtained by addressing the H. T. C. committee, Shallotte, N. C.

PROGRESSIVE WADESBORO.

Get Together Meeting and Oyster Roast in Every Way a Success.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 3.—The oyster roast and smoker which has been anticipated by the business men of Wadesboro for the past week, was successfully pulled off last night at the country club.

About 75 of the active business men responded to the invitation and most of these contributed papers or spoke to subjects assigned them. The object of the assemblage was to have expressions from the business men upon the scheme that has been discussed looking to the arrangement of several special trade days between now and January 1st.

Several ladies who are always interested in the welfare of the town were present and read interesting papers. The guests of honor were W. H. Johnson, superintendent Winston-Salem Southbound; Sanford Martin, editor Winston-Salem Journal; W. D. Adams, city editor, Charlotte Observer; H. T. Prosser, industrial agent, Seaboard Air Line; S. P. Collier, traffic manager, Winston-Salem Southbound, all of whom addressed the assemblage and assured us of their hearty and ready co-operation in any effort to promote the building and extension of the town.

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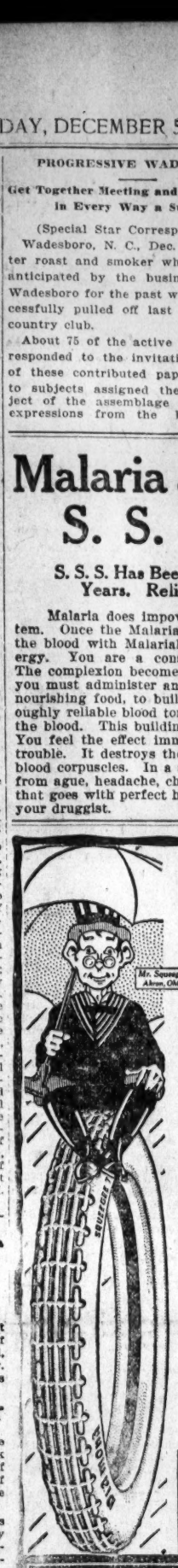

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BIG LAND SALE

Auction sale of dwellings, business lots, and 1,200-acre farm Lillington, Thursday, December 16th. This is the property of E. S. Smith, who has moved to Raeford.

The farm, located 2 miles west of Lillington, has been divided into small farms and the sale will start at the old home place at 10 a. m. Nine buildings, a large number of outbuildings in good repair, are located on the farm.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Bearuseley and wife, Sarah E. Bearuseley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 15, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 49, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the court house door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels of lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A, on the revised map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Madison Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. Six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet, thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 6, at page 100 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Bowen, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 704 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 37 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradleys or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with necessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $4,000.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 65, page 72.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 1915.

TOP O' THE MORNING

Talk about the questions of the hour; there is but one question—how to bring the truth of God's Word into vital contact with the mind and hearts of all classes of the people.

—WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE.

If we are bound to have notoriety we can do something foolish in behalf of peace.

The only trouble about opposition to militarism is that national preparedness isn't militarism.

Don't put too much dependence in what one man can do. He might take advantage of it to do you.

We haven't got any press censor but we have laws which enable the courts to issue decrees of censorship.

Belgium and Serbia have been whipped but they keep on fighting in hopes that their allies won't get in the same fix.

Reports From Mexico show that Villa is either in a bad way or is not in a position to telegraph us to the contrary.

Representative Mann makes remarks like a man who is too much of a partisan to pose in the class with big Republicans.

The Raleigh Times states that there are 268,088 Baptists in North Carolina. No wonder the water wagon is more of a reality than a myth.

Mr. Henry Ford's voyage may not succeed in one particular but it will prove a big success in another. Oh, no, he didn't take any chances.

Some of us might reply to the Honorable Kitchin but we can't answer him if he can substantiate his allegation that the American navy is the second strongest in the world.

We fear that some of us will have to be our own Santa Claus and do the best we can for ourselves. That might be an improvement on what we have been doing for ourselves.

The Jacksonville Times-Union notes that "a state lunch in China consists of 146 dishes." We might like a Chinese state lunch, but we are not going to say a thing about a Columbia State lunch consisting of a dab of this and a dab of that, alleged by Bob Gonzales to be a "square meal."

A court has decided that a man's wife has no right to hide her husband's hat to keep him from going down town. Well, she don't care anything about having the right just so she hides the hat. Possession is nine points in the law, and the ladies know it as well as all others who lay down the law.

The Journal of the American Medical Association says: "Snails are fast coming into popularity as a food." So far as we are concerned the snail may as well keep up its slow gait if it is coming in the direction of popularity with us. If a snail has any idea of making itself popular in Wilmington it ought to be a New River oyster.

It is alleged that Tampa cigars are good, but if any of the manufacturers there expect us to assert it as a connoisseur, they've got plenty of time to take the matter under consideration between now and Christmas. Our rule in determining the quantitative ecstatic qualities of watermelons and other things worth mentioning is to devote considerable attention to tasting them.

The only real argument against greater preparedness, so far as we have observed, was advanced by Representative Claud Kitchin. He cut out all platitudes and stated real reasons based upon what he accepts as facts. If he happens to be wrong about the facts, his reasons can not hold good. We shall see at the great show down that will be made when Congress meets and gets at the facts in the case. The man who is not willing to rest his case on the facts had better compromise before going into court

THE CONFERENCE WORK.

The North Carolina Conference which assembled in Wilmington last Wednesday has about reached the closing stage with today, although there will be work for tomorrow in the way of putting on the finishing touches. Wilmington people have greatly enjoyed the Conference and they will be delighted to hear that it has been the smoothest and one of the most successful ever held by the Methodists of Eastern North Carolina. The weather has been delightful and it is hoped the Conference attendants have enjoyed the week in our city.

Bishop Kilgo is an executive and presiding official of marked ability and marvelous alertness. He keeps the Conference in action and it despatches business without so much as a halt. Everybody has been greatly interested in the Bishop's remarks, whether casual or made in the several formal addresses that he has delivered. His address to the ministerial class passed to full connection was both comprehensive and profound. He gave impressive emphasis of the sacredness of the ministry and strikingly defined the duties and purposes of the ministers, committing into their hands full pastoral charges with admonition that will be immediately helpful to them in their work.

Probably Bishop Kilgo's address on education on Friday night was the most notable of his talks during this Conference. It was characterized by splendid scholarship, and was peculiarly strong in its emphasis of the importance, the value, the necessity and the duty of educating the young people thoroughly, making religion a fundamental part of it, if it is expected to make education effectual and completely practical.

Yesterday morning the Bishop spoke appreciatively and interestingly of the latest of Mr. J. B. Duke's endowments—an endowment of $35,000 annually for Conference purposes. Mr. Duke stipulates that $10,000 a year shall be set aside for incapacitated ministers; $15,000 to church extension, and $10,000 to missions within the State. The only restriction which Mr. Duke places on the use of the endowment in any particular is that the $10,000 for missions shall be used entirely in the country, where, Mr. Duke says, the most genuine type of religion prevails.

The Conference work discloses the fact that despite the depression on account of the economic results of the war in Europe, the Conference finances are in splendid condition. That speaks well for the thrift of the Methodists, in Eastern North Carolina, and it indicates the substantial condition of the church throughout the Conference bounds. The church and Sunday school extension work has been satisfactory and the work at the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, is most gratifying in every particular. The churches in the Conference raised $30,000 for the orphanage during the year, and it is expected that the orphanage fund will be greatly increased during the coming year. During the year just ended there were 5,000 additions to the church. The missionary and educational work has been of pronounced value.

Today will be devoted to religious services in the various churches of the city. The Bishop will preach at Grace Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock, and distinguished ministers will occupy the pulpits of other churches.

SOME OF OUR POSSIBILITIES

While our resources are great and our advantages are numerous, we hardly conceive of the extent of the possibilities and opportunities in the South. We are finding out some of them by discovery but there are hundreds that we have never dreamt of. The same can be said as to the various adaptabilities of North Carolina and other Southern states. This can be made to apply to both agriculture and industries, but especially to agriculture. Many plants we have never heard of are adaptable to this part of the country and to others as well. Florida furnishes a good example of the fact that there are some things that we learn from discovery, although a little investigation would prove of more value to us than discovery. In this instance note this from the Jacksonville Times-Union:

"A plant which perists in intruding itself upon the notice of all who pass by deserted fields and lots and seems very tenacious of life, which possesses the ground by shading out almost any other plant and is generally voted a nuisance, may yet prove a most valuable plant if its virtues are studied. We refer to the "coffee bean," as it is generally called. A score or so of years ago the late Prof. W. W. Woodward, a well known teacher of Tallahassee, who had a few dairy cows, desiring to have them graze on a piece of ground in the city which had been grown over by coffee beans, sent a man to cut off the growing plants with a scythe in order that the grass might grow. It was in the spring and the coffee beans were only a few inches high. Following the cutting of the objectionable plants he turned the cattle in upon the field. Much to his surprise the cows began to eat the half wilted coffee bean plants eagerly, neglecting the young grass. Prof. Woodward took the hint and the next season filled his barn with the coffee bean hay, cut while it was still tender, and had an abundance of fodder for his cattle all the winter. He called the attention of neighbors to the fondness of his cows for the coffee bean hay. They agreed that it was a new thing to them."

Most likely the coffee bean will grow around Wilmington, but we are not advocating its cause. We only refer to it as an instance revealing to us that there are hundreds of unknown products that we can produce with profit along with those crops that we already produce. The coffee bean when boiled produces a kind of paint or lotion which protects wood from destruction by teredos, so common to salt water. What else they are good for nobody knows, and just what other products are adaptable to the South we are only beginning to know.

We have in our office as we write this, the trimmings from the camphor trees planted in the postoffice park. The trees have flourished and were trimmed during the past week. When mashed, the leaves give off a strong odor of camphor and we propose to have some spirits of camphor of our own make by utilizing the the leaves and the twigs which we picked up after the tree trimmers had discarded them. For all we know, the South might produce every pound of camphor used in this country. However, there are possibilities in plants and products we know nothing about.

A QUESTION OF EQUITABLE TAXATION

Apropos the question of additional revenue for the National Government, the Baltimore Sun asks: "Why should Congress not reconsider its action of last year and establish the stamp tax on bank checks?" The Sun favors that kind of a tax and goes on to say:

"This tax has previously been enforced, people are more or less accustomed to it, and its worth as a money-raiser is well known and established. it costs nothing to collect and the single expense connected with it is the engraving.

"All taxes are disagreeable, but this particular one has the great merit of causing the bearers of it a minimum of inconvenience, while only individuals and companies with sufficient money to have checking accounts are affected by it. Few other forms of taxation lend themselves less either to opposition or attack."

The Sun has mentioned the chief advantages of a stamp tax on bank checks, which is that it is a "money raiser" and that "it costs nothing to collect." Those are about the only reasons that commend such a tax. It is not a burdensome tax, it is true, but it requires a few to pay taxes while the many escape. The best form of taxation is one which comes nearest to an equitable distribution of taxation. A tax on bank checks does not reach many of us who can just as well afford to pay taxes as some of those who pay about all of them. It might be a good idea to tax some other things so as to reach most all people equally able to pay taxes.

All people who give or receive checks are not any more able to pay taxes than a great many other people who escape such special or emergency taxation.

SALES OF SUGAR TO EUROPE

We do not begin to fully appreciate the commercial opportunities that the war in Europe has brought to the United States. We may regret some of them, but they are tremendous just the same. All told, we are gratified at the enormous trade that this country is doing with Europe, and especially that we are able to supply such a great abundance of foodstuffs to a needy people. We would be glad if we could relieve the wants of every starving and famished man, woman and child in all the countries now being ravaged and ruined by war.

Although we are sugar consumers and perhaps have to pay a higher price for the sugar we consume, we can but be gratified that during 1915 the sugar refiners of the United States have sold to Europe 350,000 tons of refined sugar, worth $35,000,000. In addition to that, Europe has taken quite that amount of raw sugar from Cuba. Canada also has been in the market for sugar, and, on account of all this demand, sugar prices have advanced to 6.15 cents a pound, or up about $1.00 per hundred pounds, during the past 30 days. We have to acknowledge that in the face of such a demand and owing to the "statistical position" of sugar, the natural consequence is that we have to pay more for the sugar we consume ourselves.

Says the New York World: "A man who sought to drive an automobile with one hand on the steering gear, and an arm around the neck of a woman companion, has had to pay a court fine of $100." No doubt the court took cognizance of the extenuating fact that the steerng gear was not entirely neglected in the joy ride that got the automobilist into trouble.

A pig is bound to make a hog of himself and we can help him do it by the right kind of attention. There is no necessity for an uplift movement in behalf of hogs but even a hog can be helped in the matter of living a cleaner life than if it were left entirely to the pig to make just an ordinary hog of itself.

A contemporary propounds this preparedness query: "Suppose an enemy's army were to land on our shores, what would you do?" What we might do would be somewhat disgraceful if we didn't have others to help us to stay there and offer some kind of insult to the enemy.

It is stated that an Indiana farmer has a 185 barrel cistern filled with fine apple cider. If some of us had 185 barrels of cider, our whereabouts would be right at the cistern doing something to keep it from having that much cider in it. This is no joke.

A farmer who used to buy all his corn has shipped several carloads of his own production and has more to sell. At the same time, it would be worth more to him to be turning it into meat. However, selling corn is better than buying it.

On many occasions we are reminded that "Brag is a great dog but Hold Fast is a better one." If we could do all we boast that we can do, or accomplish just half what we think we can do, we would become renowned for our achievements

Speaker Champ Clark predicts that Colonel Roosevelt will be the next Republican nominee for President. Might be something in it, because it can be noticed that the Colonel isn't doing a thing to keep from being nominated.

The invaders of Serbia have captured thousands of women, and yet there are men in this country who oppose the plans of us gallant Americans to be prepared for eventualities of every description.

The motorcyclist appears to always be going at breakneck speed but nobody knows whether he is out on business or fun. If it's on business, he surely can depend on getting there.

CURRENT COMMENT.

If the Republican party ever becomes strong enough there will be no danger in turning over the affairs of the State to it, but we would hate to see the present organization win by some sort of a fluke.—Durham Herald.

The recent election of Mr. W. R. Bonsal as one of the vice presidents of the Seaboard Air Line Railway is very gratifying to his many friends, and, we doubt not, will be very helpful to that company. He is one of the most prominent railroad officials in the South and has done very much to develop and improve this section. The people of the eastern part of this (Chatham) county are indebted to him for the construction (without any expense to them) of the Durham and South Carolina Railroad, which runs from Durham through Williams and New Hope townships to Bonsal on the Seaboard Air Line, 23 miles south of Raleigh. This road made a market for the timber in that section and enabled its owners to sell it in many cases for more than the timber and land together had been valued before.—Chatham Record.

We suppose that every town and nearly every village in North Carolina would be disposed to argue that for one reason or another it is the "logical point" for the location of the citizen-soldiery camp that is to be placed in North Carolina. When it came to figuring of essentials, however, most places would, we suspect, be readily brought to the admission that they were unable to furnish these essentials. We venture this without having seen details of the requirements; but what has been said in general leads to the conclusion that the problem is anything but a simple one. From what has been said about the amount of ground needed and the requisite isolation, we were of the opinion that Greensboro would not be in position to put in a bid. We hadn't thought about the battleground. The tender of that site by the officials in control of it apparently solves the difficulties for Greensboro, and probably solves them for the War Department. It ought to be conceded that, on points of location and accessibility, Greensboro is the place.—Greensboro News.

BIG COMMUNITY FAIR.

All Roads to Lead to Point Caswell on 17th—Interesting Gathering.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Point Caswell, N. C., Dec. 4.—On Friday, December 17th, all hands, heads, mules, carts and buggies will point toward Point Caswell and the especial point there will be the school building where the Community fair will be in progress. For several weeks now, plans have been being matured for this event of events. The die is cast. The fair is a certainty.

It is planned to make this one of the biggest events that has been pulled off at Point Caswell in many a day. Every husky youngster under two years of age is to be rounded up in the "Better Babies" contest. Prizes are offered for almost anything grown on a farm or thought of. Drawing, and sewing have not been neglected. Even whittling will come into its own in this fair. A prize is offered for the best piece of whittling submitted.

Friday, December 17th, is to be Community Fair and Co-Operation Day in Point Caswell.

Plans have been made to have an expert from the United States Department of Agriculture to make a lecture and assist in the stock judging.

Another speaker of note is being corresponded with with a view to having him also lecture on that date.

Not least among the events of the day will be the big athletic meet which will be open to anybody that cores to take part. Prizes will be given for the person running the 100 yards the quickest, jumps the farthest and highest. A mule race will be held in which a prize will be awarded to the slowest mule. A bicycle race will furnish a thrill, while a prize will also be given for the truest rider and also for the fanciest riding.

Caswell Township's slogan is "Meet me on the Seventeenth at the Community Fair."

BURETT H. STEPHENS
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Everybody Loves Toys! — Grey-Head as well as Curly-Head; Old, as well as Young; and it does seem that the Toys love everybody.

Santa Claus, himself, is here! Let everybody come and see them. Yes, 'tis a wonderful showing. The larger Toys, such as Automobiles, complete, with electric lights and horns; a marvellous Toy. Irish Mails, Express Wagons, Tricycles, Velocipedes, Baby Carriages, Writing Desks, Baseballs, Drums, Doll Houses, Pianos, Furniture, China Tea Sets, Aluminum Tea Sets, Shot Guns, Air Rifles, Pistols, Cook Stoves, Ranges, Brass Beds.

Dolls, Character Dolls, 50c, $1.00, $1.50 and up to $6.50, really a wonderful assortment.

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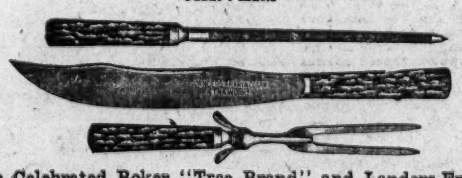

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COOPER AND COVINGTON HAVE BURIED HATCHET

Mutual Friends Effect Reconciliation Between Them.

Two Prominent Wilmington Business Men Have Each Signed Statement Conciliating the Other. Suit Withdrawn.

Personal and business differences that have existed for several months between Messrs. C. C. Covington and W. B. Cooper, two of Wilmington's most prominent business men, which controversy recently came to public notice through heated words between the two men at a public hearing in Raleigh and subsequently in the filing of a suit for damages for alleged libel by Mr. Covington against Mr. Cooper in the State Superior Court, were composed yesterday when, through the intervention of mutual friends of the two men, each signed a statement conciliating the other and apparently dismissing the entire matter so far as they are concerned.

In view of the reconciliation effected, Mr. Covington withdraws the suit recently instituted by him against Mr. Cooper and a statement to this effect has been signed and witnessed as follows:

"We the undersigned, W. B. Cooper and C. C. Covington, hereby state and agree as follows:

"That I, W. B. Cooper, publicly regret and retract the charge made: 'That C. C. Covington had buncoed me.' This charge should never have been made.

"That I, C. C. Covington, regret the unpleasantness existing between W. B. Cooper and myself, and in view of his public retraction, I hereby agree to withdraw and non-suit any and all actions taken at law respecting this charge of buncoing.

"That copies of this statement be sent to Rev. J. D. Bundy, to each member of the official board of Grace church, and to the leading newspapers of the State.

"As witness our hands and seals, this 4th day of December, 1915.

"This agreement is made in duplicate, one for Mr. Cooper and one for Mr. Covington.

"W. B. COOPER, (Seal)
"C. C. COVINGTON, (Seal)
"Witness: C. R. PUGH
"Witness: W. P. STACY."

That the gentlemen named have composed their differences, having met each other fairly and frankly as indicated by the above statement, will be gratifying news to hundreds and hundreds of their friends, not only in Wilmington but throughout the State where both are so well known. Their prominence and the general high esteem in which each was held by his friends gave to the differences that grew up among them an undue amount of publicity which was regrettable and now that a satisfactory settlement has been reached between the gentlemen named, it is believed that there will be of no further cause for an agitation of an unpleasant subject.

Regarding the filing of a complaint with the sheriff of the county on Friday asking for an investigation of an apparent inconsistency in the tax record of the C. C. Covington Company, of which Mr. Covington is president, which was withdrawn yesterday, the complainants and those close to Mr. Cooper disclaim that he was at all behind the filing of this request for an investigation of the tax matter. It was unfortunately stated yesterday that it was generally understood that this complaint was a sequel to the suit filed by Mr. Covington, but The Star has received the highest assurance that such was not the case. One very close to Mr. Cooper, who stated that he certainly would have known something of the complaint, if Mr. Cooper had had anything to do with it, stated yesterday that he felt sure that Mr. Cooper knew nothing whatever of the matter and he believed that had Mr. Cooper known these charges were being filed he would not have countenanced them.

It was stated last night by friends close to both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Covington that the settlement of their differences was effected independent of any knowledge of the withdrawal of the complaint.

Report of District Nurse.

The report yesterday of the district visiting nurse, Mrs. Hanna, who is supported by the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters, for the month of November, 1915, was very encouraging. It is as follows: Number visited, 150; number of new patients, 7; number sent to the hospital, 3; number discharged, 1; number died, 1; number or articles loaned, 1; clothing distributed to four families; number of families supplied with milk, 1; number of families supplied with medicine, 1. The donations were: Mrs. Walter Sprunt, clothing for children; Mrs. Lyman Delano, clothing for children; Mrs. I. W. Solomon, clothing for men; Mrs. L. H. Harriss and Mrs. Jake Solomon, clothing for children.

WHOLE FAMILY ARRESTED

All Placed in Jail in Default of Bond on Charge of Selling Liquor.

Jack Williams, colored, and his entire family consisting of his wife and two daughters are spending the week-end in the county jail although their lodging at the expense of the county was not of their own choosing. County Officer Godwin was informed yesterday afternoon that liquor was being sold at their home, corner Twelfth and Castle streets. Armed with a search and seizure warrant, Officer Godwin accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Reynolds and Keen went to the home and found some seven or eight quarts of spirits, some of it in a trunk and some of it under the mattress of one of the beds. The negroes were arrested, and being unable to give bond in the sum of $50 each went to jail to await a hearing before Justice Harriss on a charge of violatin gthe prohibition law.

BIG TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Bill Fenley and Marion Smith Win First Place.

The second of the series of tennis tournaments was held yesterday afternoon on one of the local tennis courts, and the excellent playing of the team composed of Bill Fenley and Marion Smith won for them first place.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W	L
Fenley and Smith	50	1
W. Leach and H. Woolcott	15	9
Geo. Mitchell and Beau Reynolds	15	15
N. G. Gladney and Geo. Weather	2	19

THE COMPLAINT ABOUT TAXES IS WITHDRAWN

Paul D. Satchwell, Esq., Asks Sheriff for Papers.

Action Taken After Request of County Officer for More Information Regarding Tax Returns of C. C. Covington.

After the receipt of a letter from Sheriff Cowan, setting forth that the complaint filed with him alleged nothing upon which he could make an investigation of the tax returns of the C. C. Covington Company, of which Mr. C. C. Covington is president, and asking for more information, Paul D. Satchwell, Esq., who had filed the papers with the sheriff, sent a letter to the county officer asking that the papers be returned to nim and that the entire matter be considered withdrawn.

Following is the letter written by Sheriff Cowan to Mr. Satchwell:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1915.
"Mr. Paul D. Satchwell, City.
"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a written complaint made by you under date of December 3rd, 1915, relative to tax returns made by C. C. Covington Company, through its president, for the year, 1915.

"These returns, you state, appear to be inconsistent with an alleged statement made to a commercial agency, by this company, under date of June 12th, 1915, based upon an inventory of June 1st, 1915, a copy of which statement you attach, with the request that this office proceed to investigate as you say it is its duty to do under Section 36, Chapter 286 of the Public Laws of 1915.

"Section 36, referred to, provides for the penalizing of persons, firms, and corporations intentionally making false statements to the list taker, assessor or board of equalization for the purpose of avoiding the payment of the just and proportionate taxes thereon, and is a penalizing provision made by law, and imposing a duty on the sheriff, in addition to the usual remedies provided for listing omitted property upon discovery and delegated to other authority for action thereon. Under this section (36) it is made the duty of the sheriff to investigate, and in proper cases to bring action in the Superior Court against the person, firm or corporation complained of, but this duty, it appears to me, is imposed upon the sheriff when complaint is made that property has been intentionally withheld, or not included in the return. Your complaint does not allege as a fact or that you are informed or believe that any property in the statement of the C. C. Covington Company, as appears in the attached inventory as of June 1st, 1915, was held or acquired by this corporation prior to May 1st, 1915, or that it was intentionally withheld in the returns of May 1st, 1915, or held and not included in such returns.

"If you have such information please advise me. "Yours very truly,
"S. P. COWAN."

The following letter was received by Sheriff Cowan from Mr. Satchwell:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1915.
"Sheriff S. P. Cowan.
"Dear Sir:—Your esteemed favor of the even date received and in reply you are advised that I desire you to disregard my informal complaint filed with you in reference to the tax list of the C. C. Covington Company and ask that all papers be returned to me and the entire matter be considered withdrawn from your office.

"In the meantime, I remain,
"Yours very truly,
"PAUL D. SATCHWELL."

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Mr. James Owen Reilly Appointed to Position by President of Elks.

Mr. James Owen Reilly, secretary of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, has been appointed chairman of the auditing committee of the State Association of Elks by Mr. Joseph F. Tayloe, of Washington, D. C., who is president of the association. Mr. Reilly was notified of his appointment the past week.

Y. M. C. A. HAD FINE MONTH

All Records Broken During Month of November—Splendid Work of Mr. Hinnant for Boys.

November was the best month in every way that the Wilmington Young Men's Christian Association has ever had. There was more interest in the religious work a larger attendance in the gymnasium, more students enrolled in the educational department and more varied activities on the part of the general membership than at any previous time in its history and Secretary Huntington is greatly gratified at the showing made.

The special week of prayer was observed duing November and there was a total attendance of 270 in the Senior Department and over 500 boys attended the exercises for the Junior members. The Bible Study Department conducted 64 sessions with a total atendance of 900. The Yoke Fellows' Band conducted 22 services with over 700 attending.

Mr. D. B. Hinnant, the city boys' work secretary, was called to Newbern and spent several days there in the interest of the boys' work. At a meeting of the boys in Newbern on one Sunday afternoon, there were 22 who took forward steps for Christian work and at a banquet on the following night 29 others made professions. In addition to these results, the citizens of that place decided to organize a community boys' work department. Secretary Hinnant made 72 addresses in the city and was heard by over 6,000 people in addtion to having personal interviews with a large number of people. He brought more than 40 boys into the Y. M. C. A. work.

The physical department under the efficient leadership of Director Seitters made a splendid showing, the total number using the privileges being 6,175 or more than 1,000 more than for the same month last year. The members are availing themselves freely of this department and are reaping the advantage of the good training.

The educational department has been put on a firm basis and is rendering valuable help to the boys and young men of the city. A new feature is a debating club which has been organized and under the leadership of Mr. K. B. Knudson is doing fine work. Meetngs are held once a week.

WILMINGTON HIGHS TIED RALEIGH BOYS

Score in Football Game Yesterday was 7 and 7.

Gridiron Battle on Local Grounds Was Hotly Contested and Witnessed by Large Crowd—Will be Played Off Later.

Lovers of football were given a rare treat yesterday afternoon when the much talked of Raleigh-Wilmington game was played at Hilton Park. Probably never has there been so great interest in a high school football game in Eastern North Carolina before. This game was to decide the championship of this end of the State. However, it is yet to be determined who is the champion, as the score was 7 to 7. The tie was found at the end of the game and an attempt was made to play it off, there on the field, but darkness came and the game had to be called.

The visitors began to gather about 3 o'clock to watch the game, and at 3:15 the Raleigh squad entered the field and began to warm up and practice signals. The Wilmington squad entered at 3:17 and the game was called at 3:31.

Raleigh kicked off to Wilmington, defending the north goal. Wilmington took the ball steadily down the field to about the 20-yard line, when Monroe took the ball over from a forward pass for a touchdown. Wilmington punted and Hall kicked goal, making the score 7 to 0 in favor of the locals. The crowd went wild with cheering. Fire Chief Monroe got a sign, "On to Chapel Hill," and with a $5 in one hand (a present to his son for making the touchdown) and the sign in the other, he marched gleefully down the field to the Wilmington team and the officials penalized the Wilmington boys for 15 yards.

During the second quarter the ball was entirely in Wilmington's territory. Silverman got off several good punts but neither side was able to score.

In the third period Raleigh had the ball about the 20-yard line and got off a forward pass with a clear field in front of them. Grant made a pretty tackle on the yard line. The ball was taken over for a touchdown by Champion. Mills kicked goal. This tied the score, making 7 and 7.

Silverman and one of the Raleigh players had a dispute about some of the rules and were both taken out of the game.

In the fourth period, Wilmington took the ball to about the 30-yard line. With about three seconds to play, Rock Hall signalled for the drop behind and got off one of the prettiest punts seen here in a long time. The ball hit one of the goal posts and bounded off.

Two other short periods were played but no more scoring was done. Raleigh advanced the ball the entire length of the field, but without success in making a point.

Murray Grant, Ike Silverman and Rock Hall all played well for Wilmington, while Champion for the visitors made several pretty runs through the lines.

It was a hard game to lose for Wilmington. Coach Phillips, after the game admitted that his team was outplayed. The Raleigh boys left for home last evening.

The officials at Chapel Hill will decide who is to play the championship game at Chapel Hill. It has been suggested that both teams go to Chapel Hill next Thursday and play another game, the winner to play Charlotte on Saturday for the State championship. It is likely that this will be done.

The line-up:

Raleigh		Wilmington
Terrell	C	Rhodes
Whiting	RG	Farmer
Coley	LG	G.Johnson
Howard	RT	Hanby
Haynes	LT	C.Johnson
Daniels	RE	Monroe
Spruill	LE	Hill
Mills	QB	Hall
Smith	RH	Grant
Champion	LH	Silverman
Hotchkiss	FB	Davis

Substitutes: Raleigh—McKimmon for Whiting, Faucett for Spruill, K. Smith for Daniels. For Wilmington—Griffith for Silverman, McEachern for Farmer.

Periods—12 10 12 10.

Officials—Referee, Simpson (Richmond; umpire, Irving (University); head linesman, Holland (Randolph-Macon); time keepers, Huntington (Davidson) and Trust (Wake Forest).

WILMINGTON SAVINGS BANK MAKES HANDSOME SHOWING.

W. S. & Trust Company Stands No. 41 in Entire United States.

The 1915 edition of "Trust Companies of the United States," which is the annual publication of Trust Company statistics issued by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, New York, is being distributed.

The book contains the names of 2,031 trust companies and in addition to the statements of condition of 1,777 trust companies throughout the country, there is included lists of officers and directors of the various companies, together with stock quotations, dividend rates, etc.

The substantial increase in each item of the resources of trust companies in the past year, indicates a continuance of the steady growth which has obtained since this compilation was first started in 1903.

On June 30th, 1908, the total resources of trust companies were reported as $3,917,442,000, while the figures for June 30th this year are reported as $6,328,454,000, showing a gain of over 61 per cent. The trust company resources are now nearly 54 per cent of the resources of National banks reported on June 23rd as $11,795,000,000.

A valuable table shows a "recapitulation of resources and liabilities of trust companies by States", and gives for all trust companies in each state, the following items: Stocks and bonds; loans, notes and mortgages; cash on hand and in bank; real estate, banking house, etc.; other resources; capital, surplus and undivided profits; deposits and due to banks and bankers; other liabilities.

According to this recapitulation the trust companies of North Carolina are reported as holding $28,398,369.16 in banking resources. Of this amount, the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company, of Wilmington, has $2,600,000, or nearly one-tenth of the total trust company resources of the entire State. This company also occupies the enviable position on the Trust Company Holl of Honor for the United States as No. 41, while it stands first in the city, county and State.

AMMONIA WILL BE SHIPPED

British Government Gives Permission for Shipment to Acme Manufacturing Co., Here.

Through the instrumentality of Senator Simmons and Congressman Godwin, who brought the matter to the attention of the State Department of the United States, the shipment of 1,500 tons of sulphate of ammonia, valued at more than $90,000, consigned from Glasgow, Scotland, to the Acme Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington, which was held up by the British government, has been ordered released and is due to be shipped on Tuesday of this week on the steamer Kylemohr. This information was contained in a telegram to the Wilmington concern yesterday from Hon. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.

Secretary Lansing telegraphed a copy of a cablegram from the American embassy in London, stating that the cargo had been released for shipment and would be shipped Tuesday of this week. The British government took the position that it was not believed that it was actually required for American consumption.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, J. G. McCormick, Esq., secretary and treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Co., on November 17th communicated with Senator Simmons and also with Congressman Godwin, assuring them that every pound would be used in the manufacture of fertilizer and requesting that they take up the matter with the State Department. Senator Simmons at once wrote a letter and the State Department sent a telegram to the American embassy in Liverpool, requesting that the cargo be released.

The holding up of the shipment came in for quite a bit of publicity several weeks ago and was the subject of considerable comment in Washington. However, it developed that there were no serious difficulties in the way and the British government was glad enough to give permission for shipping as soon as the proper assurances were given.

The ammonia will be used at the plant of the Acme Manufacturing Co., at Acme and is about the usual quantity required by them for carrying on their operations during the season. The ammonia while shipped from Glasgow will come via Liverpool.

SHERIFF'S BADGE MEANS NOTHING TO LOCAL THEIVES

Burglar Boldly Entered Home of Deputy Sheriff and Stole His Coat.

The residence of Deputy Sheriff C. H. Keen, No. 809 Ann street was entered Friday night about 2 a. m. and his coat stolen out, with the official badge on it. Not finding any use for the badge, it was left on the coat which was afterwards found in the yard of Mr. Freeman Yopp, No. 210 South Ninth street.

Luckily for Mr. Keen, he had taken the $148 he had collected as taxes Friday, and put it under his pillow and there was only 11 cents left in the pockets for the wary burglar.

Mrs. Keen was awakened about 2 o'clock by the flash of a flashlight and awoke her husband, who made an attempt to catch the intruder, who went through the back window, where he had entered, turning over a table and breaking some chinaware. In the flight, he carried the coat with him.

TUBERCULOSIS WEEK

Will Be Observed All Over the Country This Week—Sermons Sunday.

This week will be observed all over the country as Tuberculosis Week and the American Red Cross Society has made elaborate preparations for its observance. Formerly one day was set apart for the special purpose of calling attention to the need of methods of prevention of the dreaded disease but the movement has grown so large that it is now necessary to have a longer time.

Next Sunday will be known as Tuberculosis Sunday and the ministers throughout the country have been asked to preach sermons on this subject. Many of the ministers in Wilmington have agreed to preach sermons. There is no city in the State that has done more than Wilmington to combat the disease.

ARRESTED 35 THE PAST WEEK

Nineteen Taken in Custody on Vagrancy Charges—Several Important Cases for Trial Tuesday.

With 19 arrested the past week on charges of vagrancy out of a total of 35 arrests made by the police and with several important cases against some of the alleged vagrants coming up for trial on Tuesday before Recorder Empie, Chief of Police Williams believes that he is now making fair headway towards ferreting out some of the recent robberies in the city. Out of the 19 arrested for vagrancy a number have been sent to the county roads, a few have been found not guilty and several will have hearings tomorrow and on Tuesday.

Stetson Belden and James Johnson, both arrested for vagrancy, may be implicated in the robbery of the express office at Burgaw some time ago. Parts of several suits of clothing were found in their possession which were identified by the Burgaw express agent yesterday as having been stolen from the express office there. He came to Wilmington yesterday to investigate.

James Johnson and Oscar Johnson, who were arrested at the same time as the other negroes for vagrancy, are suspected by the police of having been the two who entered Burnett's store early Tuesday night and after drawing revolver made the clerk give up all the money he had on hand amounting to $12.

Jim Johnson and Stetson Belden are also being held on warrants charging them with the robbery of the store of Mr. Malpass, of Rocky Point. Mr. Malpass was in the city yesterday and identified articles which the negroes had as coming from his store and then swore out the warrants.

Sale at I. Shrier's.

Promising even greater bargains than ever before, Mr. I. Shrier, the well known Front street clothier, announces another sale of made-to-measure clothes and for this sale an unexcelled line of fabrics will be offered. These fabrics are made to sell at $13.50 per two-piece suit, or $15.50 for full suit and at $19.50 per two-piece suit or $22.50 for full suit. The sale will open on December 9th. An attractive advertisement elsewhere in today's paper gives all particulars.

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METHODISTS IN ALL PULPITS

Rev. J. D. Bundy Made a List of Assignments for Those Attending Attending Conference.

Much interest will be added to the church services today by the filling of practically all pulpits with Methodist ministers here attending Conference. Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of Grace Methodist church, where the Conference is being held, made the assignments yesterday as follows:

Grace Methodist—Love Feast, 9:30 a. m., conducted by Rev. Drs. A. D. Betts and W. H. Moore. At 11 a. m. preaching by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, D. D., followed by ordination of deacons, 3:30 p. m., memorial service, 7:30 p. m., preaching by Rev. W. W. Peele, of Durham.

Fifth Avenue Methodist—11 a. m. Rev. J. H. Frizelle; 7:30 p. m., Rev. D. H. Tuttle, followed by ordination of elders. Conference quartette will sing at both services.

Bladen Street Methodist—7:30 p. m., Rev. A. S. Barnes.

Trinity Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. M. T. Plyler; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Potter.

Castle Haynes Methodist—7:30 p. m., Rev. J. B. Thompson.

Winter Park Methodist—7:30 p. m., Rev. W. A. Stanbury.

First Presbyterian—11 a. m., Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D.; 8 p. m., Rev. H. A. Humble.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian—8 p. m. preaching by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D.

Immanuel Presbyterian—11 a. m., H. McWhorter; 7:30 p. m., J. M. Daniel.

East Wilmington Presbtyerian—11 a. m., Rev. L. M. Chaffin; 7:30 p. m., Rev. B. C. Thompson.

First Baptist—11 a. m., Rev L. S. Massey; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Shamburger.

Calvary Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. W. C. Martin; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Russell.

Southside Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Buffalo; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Shore.

Winter Park Presbyterian—11 a. m. Rev. W. B. North.

Delgado Presbyterian—7:30 p. m., Rev. E. E. Rose.

Boys' League at Y. M. C. A.—4:45 p. m., Rev. F. S. Love; Rev. Mr. Love has just returned from Brazil, and will talk on Boys' work in Brazil.

Crusaders at Y. M. C. A.—2:30 p. m., Rev. C. J. Harrell. Rev. Mr. Harrell is pastor of Mangum Street church in Durham.

Colored Churches.

The colored churches will also be furnished with visiting preachers as follows:

Chestnut Street Presbyterian—11 a. m., Rev. A. H. Broom; 7:30 p. m., Rev. N. E. Coltrane.

Shiloh Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. Dailey; 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. Whedbee.

Central Baptist—7:30 p. m., Rev. C. A. Jones.

First Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. McCracken; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Hornaday.

St. Stephen's Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Craven; 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. M. North.

St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion—11 a. m., Rev. C. M. Lance; Trinity, A. M. E. church, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. J. Boon.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. D. F. Wooten, of Kinston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Wood.

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Mrs. J. M. Branch is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brothers, at Julian, N. C.

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Miss Lillie Hardy, of Richlands, is the attractive guest of Miss Hattie Noble, No. 420 Walnut street.

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Mrs. T. W. Wood, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dal F. Wooten, in Kinston, has returned home.

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Mrs. S. H. McLean, of Columbia, S. C., is spending some time in the city, a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Lawson, No. 419 Chestnut street.

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There will be no Sunday school at Grace church this morning as the time usually taken up by this service will be used for the Annual Conference Love Feast.

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Grainger's Orchestra has just returned from Chapel Hill, where they went some days ago to play for the Thanksgiving dances at the University of North Carolina.

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St. John's Junior Auxiliary will hold its annual sale of fancy articles in the parish house Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will also be a Christmas tree for the children.

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Mrs. J. W. Britt and Mrs. E. L. Cox, of Jacksonville, N. C., are in the city attending the Methodist Conference, guests at the home of the Misses Andrews, Ninth and Princess street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Young, of Dunn, are visiting Mrs. R. M. McIntire, at her home, No. 819 Market street. Mr. Young has recently entered the race for Congress from this district.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet in the lecture room Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be a special programme conducted by Miss Florence Whitney.

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Mrs. Hattie Hanson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. O. F. Wolfe, in this city, for the past three months, left last night for her home in Portland, Ore. While here Mrs. Hanson made many friends, who regret very much her leaving.

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St. Ann's Guild of St. John's Episcopal church will hold an annual Christmas sale tomorrow at the Housewives' League rest room, at Front and Chestnut streets. Pretty and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be on sale, besides home-made candy, tea and sandwiches.

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Vesper services will be conducted at the Young Women's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, who will be leader, will give a Christmas message. Other features will be a solo by Miss Warren and a Christmas story by Miss Coding. Everybody is invited.

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The annual Christmas sale of the St. Agnes' Guild of St. John's Episcopal church, has been announced to begin December 15th in the Rest Room of the Housewives' League, the opening and closing hours to be announced later. Dressed dolls, fancy embroidery, lingerie, candy, etc., will be sold at attractive prices.

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Tuesday of this week the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters, will hold their annual Christian Sale at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dick, 113 Nun street. A large and varied collection of fancy articles suitable for gifts will be displayed and the public is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds will be devoted to the visiting nurse fund.

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The Royal Tea Room, which is located in the Royal theatre building, to the left of the entrance, has been attracting quite a lot of attention the past few days. The young ladies in charge, who are serving light lunches there, in the interest of St. James' church, feel grateful to the public for the liberal patronage, and especially to Messrs. Howard & Wells, for donating the desirable room.

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There will be special music at both services at the First Baptist church today. For the morning service Mrs. F. A. Muse and Mr. W. B. Muse will sing "I Will Magnify Thee," by Marsche, as a bass and contralto duet. Also Mrs. Muse will sing "Teach Me, O Lord!" by Bischoff, as a solo. At the evening service Mrs. William Warring will sing, "Consider and Hear Me," by Wooler, as a solo; while Mrs. Tennie Luck, 'celloist, and Mr. William McCarver, violinist, will play Schubert's Serenade and Chopin's Fifth Nocturne.

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SADLER-POWELL MARRIAGE INVITATIONS RECEIVED HERE

Friends in the city have recieved the following invitations:

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Franklin
Powell request the honour of your
presence at the marriage of
their daughter
Lucy Beers
to
Dr. Ralph Colvert Sadler
on Wednesday, fifteenth of December
one thousand nine hundred and fifteen
at three-thirty o'clock
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WEDDING ANNOUNCED FOR THIS DECEMBER THE 29TH

The announcement of the wedding of Miss Mar guerita Louise Croom to Mr. Ernest Miller Dewey for Christmas week, will be of special interest to many in the city. The cards sent out read as follows:

Mr. Stephen Croom
announces the approaching marriage
of his daughter
Marguerita Louise
to
Mr. Ernest Miller Dewey
the wedding to take place
December the 23rd, 1915
Wilmington, N. C.

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MR. THOMAS D. BRILES TO WED MISS JESSIE E. M'MILLAN

Fayetteville, Dec. 4.—Of interest to many friends in the State will be the announcement of the engagement of Miss Jessie Elizabeth McMillan and Mr. Thomas D. Briles, of this city. The marriage of these popular young people will take place in January, though no date has been set. The wedding will be very simple and quiet, owing to the bride-elect's family being in mourning.

Miss McMillan is the daughter of Mr. Ronald McMillan and is one of the favorites of Fayetteville society. She is cultured and pretty, being known especially for a patrician refinement of feature. Mr. Briles has made many friends since coming to Fayetteville, and is a leader among the society set.

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STANDING OF BUNGALOW CONTESTANTS YESTERDAY

The Sorosis bungalow contest is waxing more interesting every day. The standing of those in the race were as follows yesterday: Rosalie Jacobi, first; Edwina Dewey, second; Willie Jones, third; Elizabeth Parsley, fourth; Rena Yates fifth; Mary B. Williams, sixth; Emily Jewett, seventh; Doris Council and Helen Carroll, tied for eighth place; Laura Howell, tenth; Maude Bissenger, 11th; Margaret Elliott, 12th; Doris Plummer, 13th; Catherine Carr, 14th; Josephine Metts, 15th; Sarah Heinsberger, 16th; Blanche Bolles, 17th; Josephine Hinton, 18th; Margaret Raines, 19th; J. Rasberry 20th; Lola Taylor, 21st; Margaret Wildboar, 21st.

The first and second contestants lack only a few votes of being tied.

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ORGANIZED MOTHERS' CLUB AT MASONBORO FRIDAY.

The ladies of Masonboro, with several men and women from Wilmington, met there Friday and re-organized their Mothers' Club. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Walter L. Parsley, and a Psalm was read by Miss Clark and several little girls sang "Jack Frost."

Dr. John Thames, assistant county health officer, made an interesting talk. He was followed by Miss Clary, the teacher of the Masonboro school. They were also entertained and instructed by Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of public instruction.

The following officers were elected: Miss Clark, secretary; Miss Clary, treasurer; Mrs. E. Walton and Mrs. Joe Farrow, vice presidents. Other officers will be elected at a subsequent meeting.

L'ARIOSO GERMAN CLUB DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE.

It will be of interest to members and many friends to know that the Governing Board of L'Arioso German Club has decided to give the first of its series of winter dances this season on New Year's Eve, December 31st, and the occasion is being looked forward to with much pleasant anticipation. The Governing Board is arranging for one or more very attractive features for this dance and it promises to be a great success. The music will probably be by Grainger's orchestra and the Country Club, where the dance will be given, will be attractively decorated for the event.

It has been a custom with the club for many seasons to "dance the Old Year out and the New Year in" and this year the pleasing custom promises to be carried out with delightful accompaniment.

UNIVERSALIST SERVICES AT GRAND

Kinston Pastor Will Preach Doctrinal Sermon Twice Today.

Rev. Willard O. Bodell, pastor of the Universalist church at Kinston, is in the city and will preach two doctrinal sermons today in the Grand theatre.

The first sermon will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the subject will be, "Scriptural Evidences of Universalism." The evening service will be held at 7:30 o'clock and the subject will be, "The Lake of Fire! Is It a Myth or a Reality?"

The public is cordially invited to these services.

HOUSE ON NORTH FOURTH RANSACKED LAST NIGHT

Mr. Joseph Cumber Goes Home From Market to Find Home Opened.

When Mr. Joseph Cumber, who runs a market at Campbell and Fourth streets, went home from his market last night about 12 o'clock, he found a front window sash taken out and his house ransacked. He couldn't tell when the robbers had been there.

Report was made to the police and Policemen J. O. Bullard, W. T. Hansley and A. D. Newton hurried to the scene, but were too late to find any clues to the in truders.

Mr. Cumber said that the robbers had been unable to find much and had only taken a few baked potatoes and some pennies.

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MISSION AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

Will Begin Today and Continue for Week—Rev. Dr. Loaring Clark, of Chattanooga, the Preacher.

Rev. Dr. Loaring Clark, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Chattanooga, Tenn., who will conduct a mission in St. James' Episcopal church in this city, arrived in Wilmington yesterday and will begin his week of preaching at the morning services today. Although Christian people of the community will be in attendance for the most part at their own places of worship today, it is hoped that during the week, especially at the night services, they will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them of attending these services, and will aid in every way in their power to make them far-reaching in their influence for good in the community.

It is earnestly hoped that the Christian people of Wilmington will make these preaching services as far as possible their own, and may find in them the same inspiration and vitalizing that the congregation of St. James' is expecting to experience. The night services will be of such a nature that every one can follow in the common worship of prayer and praise. The message will be the Gospel message of pardon and peace to sinners, and the joy and service of the Christian life, which is the common creed of all Christians of every name.

And one of the results hoped for from this effort is the drawing together in closer bonds of union of all those who profess and call themselves Christians, and the regeneration and quickening of the spiritual life of all who come within the hearing of the Gospel as it is preached in this mission.

The rector and congregation of St. James are both making every effort to make their Christian hospitality felt during the coming week, and only ask the opportunity of exercising it to the utmost to all who will accept it in the same spirit of a common effort for a common aim—the winning and upbuilding of souls for Christ, and true religion.

LOCAL DOTS.

—James Graham, colored, was arrested yesterday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on a charge of larceny by trick. He will get a hearing Monday before Justice Harriss.

—Mr. W. N. Rivenbark, who is in charge of Overlake Pavilion at Greenfield Park, has advertised that he wishes to sell his fixtures there together with his lease. He states that he wants to give his time to other business.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. N. H. Lockhart, of Long Creek, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. F. Klein left last night for Rochester and Niagara Falls on business in connection with his dairying interests.

—Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells has returned from Pollocksville, where he had been conducting a series of meetings. Rev. W. M. Ecker will continue the series for several days.

—Mr. J. P. Stansel, formerly of Wilmington, but now cashier of the Bank of Robeson at Maxton, was a business visitor in the city yesterday and was cordially greeted by his many friends.

JOINT MISSION CLOSES TONIGHT

Much Interest Has Been Manifested —Strong and Helpful Sermons.

The special services at St. John's church through the past week, conducted by the Rev. E. deF. Heald, have been full of quiet power, and the congregation has manifested a steadily increasing interest in them. The sermons on Thursday and Friday nights, also of last night were especially stimulating and helpful. They were direct personal and full of earnestness. They apepaled to the heart as well as to the head, and the hearts of many were visibly moved.

The sermons came back again and again to the questions: "What do I need of God?" "What Does God want of me?" which are the keynote of the mission.

Rev. Mr. Heald will preach today at both morning and night services, the service tonight being the last of this series. The seats at St. John's are all free, a cordial welcome is given to all, and a special invitation to the services today is given by the rector of that parish.

OBSERVED RED CROSS WEEK

The Pupils of Miss Alderman's School Join the Crusade.

Red Cross week has just been closed in Miss Alderman's school, being put on by the pupils, who say they are ready to join the crusade and to fight tuberculosis and are busy selling Red Cross seals. They held a big donation party Friday and everybody brought a package for the society. Some brought sugar, some coffee, some crackers, some cream of wheat, cocoa, chocolate, milk, tomatoes and a great many other things, there being 55 packages in all. Reading Red Cross literature has fired them with a splendid spirit. Their name is the Sunbeam class, and their motto is "We Let our light shine."

Funeral Services Today.

The funeral of Mr. Amos Mathtews, whose death occurred about noon Thursday as a result of asphyxiation by gas, has been postponed until this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be held from the residence, No. 1103 South Front street, and burial will be made in Oak Grove cemetery. The postponement was made on account of color appearing in the cheeks Friday and moisture showing on the lid of the casket. The doctors say this could easily be explained from a chemical action in the blood that might have taken place about the time of the death.

COMPLAINED OF TAX VALUES

Cited to Appear Before Commissioners and Give Information.

Hon. John D. Bellamy, who it was recently stated had complained to Auditor Orrell of tax injustices, especially regarding income taxes, is cited to appear before the Board of County Commissioners Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and give such information as he may have relative to any alleged injustices in the present tax assessments.

Mr. Bellamy, it is understood will gladly respond to the request of the Board and appear before it tomorrow and give them whatever information he may have.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS TODAY

Chas. U. Harris, Esq., of Raleigh, Will Speak at Exercises Under Auspices of the Elks.

Members of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, in common with all Elks throughout the country, will meet this afternoon to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased members of the order. The memorial address will be made by Chas. U. Harris, Esq., Past Exalted Ruler, a well known member of the Raleigh bar, and the exercises will be held in the Victoria theatre beginning promptly at 3:30 o'clock. There will be a special musical programme and the exercises will be most impressive.

The Elks of the city will assemble at their Temple on North Front street and march in a body to the Victoria theatre and take seats which will be reserved for them. The programme for the service is as follows:

Entrance March.
Anthem—"I Cannot Find Thee," (Scott)—By Quartette.
Remarks by Exalted Ruler—Mr. Chas. C. Loughlin.
Trio—"Out of the Depths" (Scudds)—Miss Bowen, Mr. J. B. Fenley and Miss Ruth Bowen.
Roll Call of Departed Brothers—By the Secretary.
Lodge Ceremonies.
Opening Ode—"Great Ruler of the Universe."
Prayer by the Chaplain—Very Rev. C. Dennen.
Duet—"The Lord is My Light," (Buck)—Miss Bowen and J. B. Fenley.
Introduction of Eulogist—Mr. S. M. King, P. E. R.
Address—Hon. Chas. U. Harris, P. E. R.
Anthem—"By Babylon's Wave" (Gounod)—By Quartette.
Closing Ceremonies.
Closing Ode.
Benediction—Rev. Dr. John M. Wells.

The quartette is composed of the following: Miss Carrie Bowen, soprano; Miss Ruth Bowen, alto; Mr. J. B. Fenley, tenor; Mr. Greene Fenley, bass; Mr. E. H. Munson, accompanist.

Following are the members of the lodge who have passed away since the organization: F. W. Foster, Dr. R. E. Zachary, R. L. Gates, E. P. Bailey, John H. Gore, Edgar J. Bear, J. F. Ong, Felix H. Klutt, John M. Wright, L. P. Aaron, Leo Leob, Isaac M. Bear, James W. Monroe, S. H. Fishblate, I. J. Bear, I. J. Sternberger, F. P. Donlan, Isaac Bear, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Henry Gieschen, Adonis M. Prince, Dr. Morris M. Caldwell, Dr. J. H. Bornemann, Dr. Chas. T. Harper.

Officers of the lodge are as follows: Past Exalted Rulers: H. J. Gerken, Dr. C. T. Harper, W. J. Bellamy, H. E. Longley, W. R. Kingsbury, I. W. Solomon, C. W. Polvogt, B. P. Strickland, S. M. King, Dr. T. B. Carroll, Jos. F. Leitner, Louis Goodman, T. E. Wallace, Exalted Ruler, Chas. C. Loughlin; Esteemed Leading Knight, W. S. Register; Esteemed Loyal Knight, A. J. Mitchell; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, W. G. Woodcock; Secretary, James Owen Reilly; Treasurer, E. F. D. Banck; Esquire, E. H. Brown; Chaplain, Very Rev. C. Dennen; Inner Guard, P. T. Dicksey.

Trustee—L. Stein, Dr. T. B. Carroll, I. W. Solomon.

Memorial Service Committee—H. E. Longley, Jos. F. Leitner, H. G. Dill, W. S. Register, Louis Goodman, James Owen Reilly.

Ushers—Geo. B. Applewhite, D. A. Elvington, A. A. Keels, R. D. Clowe, Percy S. Vaughn, Chas. Lord, R. J. Benton, Carl J. Frick, E. J. Schadt.

A special invitation has been extended the ministers here attending the North Carolina Methodist Conference to attend the exercises this afternoon.

Words From Home

Statements That May be Investigated — Testimony of Wilmington Citizens.

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Gloves	$1.25 to $4.00	Shirts	50c to $4.00
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Sweater Coats	$4.00 to $7.00	"Never-break" Special Fible Wardrobe Trunk	$15.00
Bath Robes	$4.00 to $7.50		

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First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. W. M. Craig, acting pastor—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45, Mr. D. H. Howes, superintendent. Preaching in the morning at 11, with sermon by Rev. L. S. Massey. B. Y. P. U. meets in the evening at 6:30, Mr. L. F. Gore, president. Evening worship at 7:30 with sermon by Rev. J. M. Culbreth. We are glad to welcome to our services Brother Massey and Brother Culbreth who are attending the Methodist Conference. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Mr. Howes will give a report on the recent Sunday school convention held at Salisbury.

Calvary Baptist church, corner of Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. The pulpit will be supplied by ministers attending the M. E. Conference. Rev. W. C. Martin will preach at the morning hour, and Rev. J. A. Russell at night. Boys' Club and Junior B. Y. P. U. at 10. Deacons' meeting Wednesday night. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. Sunbeam Band 3:30 Thursday afternoon. A cordial welcome to all services.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "The Advent of Christ"; evening, "Is It Worth While to be Religious?" Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Church council meeting on Monday evening. Wednesday evening service at 8. All welcome to these services.

Sixth Street Advent Christian church—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30, conducted by the assistant pastor, Elder J. W. S. Harvey. Sermon subjects: Morning, "What is the Cause of the Trouble in the World and Ever Has Been?" evening, "When Shall the World Have Universal Peace?" The Lord's supper will be administered at the evening service. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3. Regular prayer meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Christian Church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school in the morning at 10. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. There will be no other services. The parish will unite with St. John's church for Divine worship in the concluding services of the Advent Mission.

St. James' church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Holy communion in the morning at 7:30. Service, sermon and holy communion at 11. Afternoon prayer and address to Sunday school at 4. Sacred song service at 7:45 in the evening. Dr. Loring Clark preaches at all services. Everybody welcome to come and bring a friend.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Special mission services both morning and night, Rev. E. deF. Heald, preacher. Holy communion at 11 in the morning. Sunday school in the afternoon at 4. Service and sermon at 7:45. Seats free; all are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street—Sunday school in the morning at 9:30, Mr. Virginius Hall, superintendent. Service every Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

Christian Science Society, church edifice 17th and Market streets—Services in the morning at 11. Subject, "God, the Only Cause and Creator." Sunday school at 12:15. Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Free reading room in the Muchison National Bank building, open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Ann street—First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass and sermon at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

Castle Heights Methodist church, 15th and Castle streets—Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30, Mr. M. J. Cowell, superintendent. Preaching in the evening at 7:30 by Rev. J. B. Thompson, Louisburg, N. C. The public cordially invited to attend both services.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—German service in the morning at 11. English service in the evening at 8. Topic of sermon, "Christian Preparedness." Sunday school at 3:30. Dorcas Society and Luther League meetings this week. Visitors cordially invited to all services.

PLANS TO IMPROVE SOUTHERN FARMING AND INCREASE PROFITS

Will Be Discussed by National Marketing Committee at Charleston.

Washington, D. C., Decfi 2.—Plans to improve Southern farming and increase the profits from agriculture by improving the machinery for the distribution and marketing of farm crops, will be discussed by the National Marketing Committee at a meeting next month in Charleston, S. C. The meeting is called by the chairman, Duncan, U. Fletcher, senator from Florida, for the week of the Southern Commercial Congress session.

The committee seeks to devise means to enable the farmer to know the best manner, place, and time to market his crop; and also to enable the consumer to distinguish between the high cost of food and the high cost of service.

"The farmers of this country are producing annually crops for which they receive nine billions of dollars, and for which the consumer pays twenty-seven billions," said Representative W. S. Goodwin, of Arkansas, a member of the executive committee. "The farmer gets thirty-five cents and the middleman gets sixty-five for each dollar the consumer pays for the farmer's crops. There is an enormous amount of waste, especially in perishable products, because of the lack of some central directing intelligence."

The National League of Commission Merchants will send a delegation to Charleston for convention week. The Association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture, and the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association have been called to meet at the same time and place.

Herbert Houston, advertising manager of World's Work, and president of the Associated Advertising Clubs, of the World, is arranging for the Southern division of the club to meet at Charleston.

The United Confederate Veterans will be officially represented, according to William E. Mickle, of New Orleans, adjutant general. Nathan B. Forrest, of Biloxi, Miss., has also appointed representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to attend the congrss.

Extraordinarily low rates for the Charleston convention have been offered by the forty-two railroads operating in the South. Tickets at the reduced rates will be on sale December 11 to 15.

WITH THE CLUB WOMEN

Federation News of North Carolina.

By Miss Mary Moses.

To the Women of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs:

The plea to you from the Library Extension Department of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs this year is for greater interest and greater efforts in establishing Free Public Libraries throughout the towns of North Carolina. We all recognize the Public Library as a great advantage to the cause of education, and just now, when the whole country is reaching out for better educational facilities, I want to urge the club women of North Carolina to press forward in a great wave of good will and usefulness, and hearty co-operation in the establishment of libraries in every town and community in this state.

I believe you will find it will be the means of educating people, all classes of people, beyond anything else that could be devised.

Up to 1914-1915, I am informed, the library census of North Carolina reported only twenty-three towns with federated clubs having libraries. Since then, up to May 1st, fourteen new ones were reported to me, making a total of thirty-seven libraries in towns where there are federated clubs.

It might be of interest to you to know that in most cases these libraries were started and are supported chiefly by women's clubs.

Our Year Book gives us one hundred and twelve federated clubs, and since it was published several more have come into the "Family Circle," so there are still about seventy-five towns in the Federation without library facilities. Will not the Women's Clubs in each of these seventy-five towns start the movement for a Public Library at once? Or, if your town is too small, or for other reasons a library cannot be made free to all, a plan can be made to have a circulating library, a subscription library, or some kind of book exchange. Little ideas often bring great results and the small club book exchange has often grown to be a great "Intellectual Torch" in its community.

In order that the Library Extension Department of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Club may be of valuable and substantial assistance to club women desiring aid, the department offers the following information:

1. Selected lists of books, suitable for the beginning of small libraries.
2. Lists of best books of modern fiction.
3. Lists of over 250 books suitable for small children.
4. A story hour course for children.
5. Dates and numbers of state library bulletins containing helpful information.
6. Suggestions for systematic library advertising.

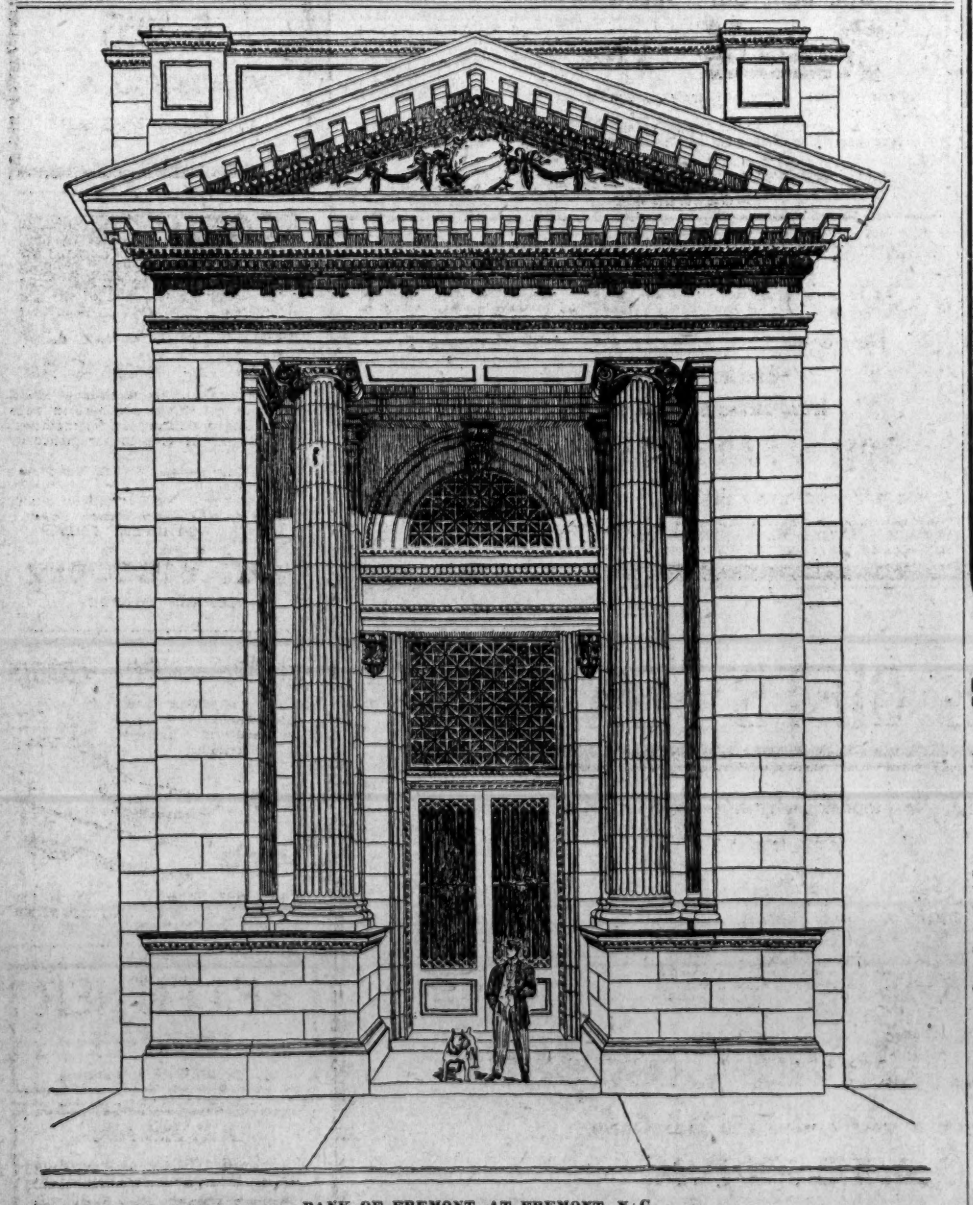
Your chairman especially wishes to recommend the careful selection of books on the following subjects:

Good novels, interesting books of travel, biography, science, art, etc.

Books for the home-maker on home economics, care of the house, cookery, care and feeding of infants, etc.

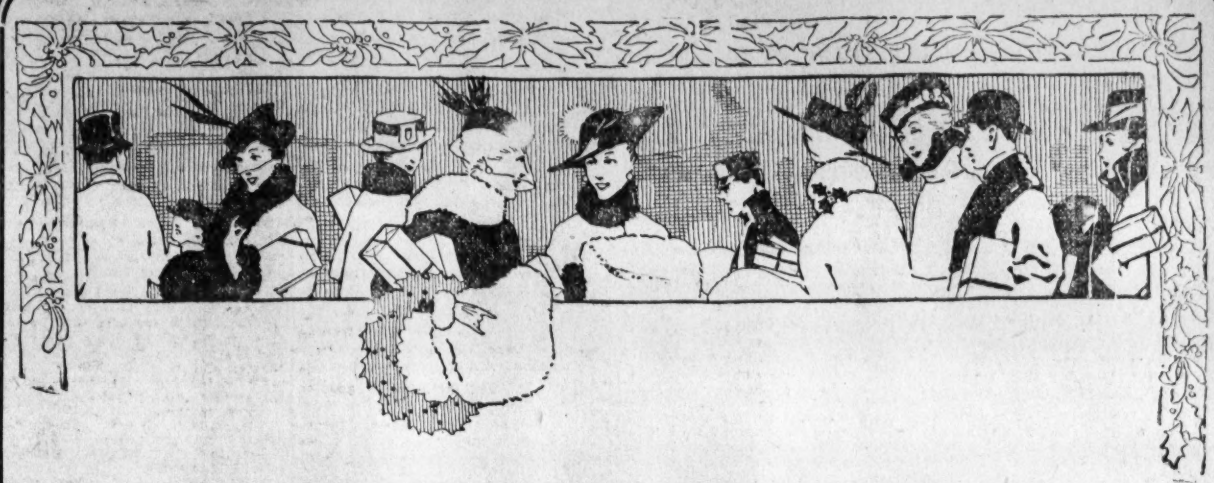
Write your chairman for any information you desire.

Mrs. A. H. POWELL,
Chairman Library Extension Department North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Oxford, N. C.



BANK OF FREMONT, AT FREMONT, N. C.

The plans for the handsome new structure which will cost $20,000 were drawn by Mr. B. H. Stephens, architect, of Wilmington, and the contract for its erection has been awarded to Rhodes & Underwood, general contractors, of this city, and W. R. Dosher & Co., also of Wilmington. The building will have a terra cotta on front and side and the elevations will have all marble fixtures and will be modern in every detail. This is a fine indication of the prosperity of Eastern North Carolina as Fremont has a population of only 1,000. Plans have also been completed by Mr. B. H. Stephens, of Wilmington, for a general store building at Fremont for Mrs. J. T. Hooks, which will cost about $8,000. The contract for this building will be awarded Tuesday



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CONSERVATIVE PROGRESS

STATE BASKETBALL CONTEST

University Committee on High School Athletics Arranges for Second Annual Event.

The University committee on high school athletics consisting of N. W. Walker, chairman; E. R. Rankin, secretary; T. G. Trenchard, and C. E. Ervin, has made announcement of the second annual State championship contest in basketball among the high schools of North Carolina.

The regulations governing the contest this year are in the main similar to those which governed last year's contest. Any basketball team representing a high school, city or rural, that shall have played and won up to and including February 19th, 1916, as many as three games from teams representing schools of similar rank and shall have lost none, shall be eligible to enter the preliminary contests provided the manager shall by February 21st notify the committee of his desire to enter the contest and shall send a record of the games played.

In the event that a team has played a hard schedule, the committee reserves the right to waive the letter of the requirement, as stated above, if after carefully reviewing its record such a course seems wise, and allow it to enter the contest, provided it shall have won 75 per cent of the games played.

Immediately after February 21st, the committee in consultation with the different managers and coaches will arrange preliminary contests for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall go to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game.

The State championship game will be played in Chapel Hill early in March, between the champion team of the East and the champion team of the West. As is usual, a cup will be presented to the winning team.

This annual contest was inaugurated one year ago by the University committee and was received with much favor by the high schools. Fifty schools took part in the contest and the Winston-Salem team won the championship and was awarded the cup.

Teams representing the following high schools will participate in this State-wide contest: Asheville, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Clayton, Concord, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greenville, High Point, Greensboro, Jonesboro, King's Mountain, Kinston, Lexington, Monroe, Newbern, North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Spencer, Selma, Shelby, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Washington, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Pittsboro, Dover, Churchland, Teacheys, East Durham, Belmont, Jamestown, Pleasant Garden, Enfield, Hillsboro, Burgaw, Cary, Smithfield, Wakelon. The enrollment will also include other schools.

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(Bion H. Butler, in Raleigh News and Observer.)

Wilmington, Nov. 27. — I was in Goldsboro the other day and in a conversation with a number of members of the Chamber of Commerce we fell to figuring on whether the State of North Carolina is getting from Wilmington the most it can get, or not. For some time I have been wondering why the State does not make more use of Wilmington, and that question has come up to me here as well as elsewhere.

Recently I stood by the river here and saw a ship loaded with cotton by Alexander Sprunt & Son, carrying nearly a million dollar cargo, heading for some European port. That is one of a number that the Sprunts have sent out this season, and it means a big return to the planters of North Carolina.

Wilmington sends out a lot of cotton, considerable lumber, naval stores and other things in smaller amounts, but it does not send out what it ought to send, and it does not bring in what it ought to bring in.

The harbor of Wilmington is one of the best on the Atlantic coast. It is capable of accommodating innumerable vessels, and it is in convenient reach tot ports of other countries, to the Panama canal, in a good latitude, in a safe refuge below the stormy cape at Hatteras. It has wharf room, railroads, easy access to the rest of the State, and water communication soon with the interior up as far as Fayetteville.

At Goldsboro the men I talked with were complaining of freight rates, a complaint that is not startling in its novelty, yet one that North Carolina is destined to discuss a great deal before the rates are adjusted to be satisfactory. There is no doubt that this state is at a disadvantage as compared with owns in states adjoining, and the railroads may be strictly accurate in their claims that they are doing the best they can. I don't know enough about the situation to lend a hand in that argument.

But it is apparent that North Carolina is not using the port of Wilmington as much as it might, and that the state is not making use of the freight facilities as much as they might be used if Wilmington were made more of an entry point for state freight shipments inward. This probably will excite no dispute. Water freight is cheaper than any other freight. Water freight is available for North Carolina for both inland and coast traffic is possible on the water, the system of sounds affording miles of freight routes if they are utilized.

The Port of North Carolina.

Wilmington is the port of North Carolina. Possibly we may go on the assumption that the freight business of the port is an affair for Wilmington to look after, but there is where we make a mistake. It is an affair for the entire state. Goldsboro was filing complaints about log rates more particularly than anything else, the present rate giving logs a low rate to Norfolk which enables North Carolina logs to go down there to mills instead of going to mills in the State, where the logs are cut, and the inside track afford the Norfolk saw mill is such that it puts Norfolk lumber in the way of North Carolina mills in the lumber market.

Taking logs merely as an illustration of a general proposition and overlooking any of the rates that are prevailing, Goldsboro is not more than half as far from Wilmington as it is from Norfolk. The outlet to tide water from the Goldsboro section would seem to be Wilmington. But it appears to be Norfolk, in practice. Norfolk thrives, at the expense of the Wilmington territory. It would not be necessary to go into the detail if I had the detailed figures. The general principle is all that I am after in this Wilmington comparison, for Goldsboro is right now at work with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington trying to straighten out the conditions complained of. What is looming up before me is whether as a state we are doing what we can and ought to do to make Wilmington a big and influential port that we may profit by the freight conveniences it will develop.

Put your finger on a good port and you can figure that you have before your eye a good section for business. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Galveston, San Francisco, Puget Sound. All good shipping ports and all are the inlet and outlet of good surrounding country. North Carolina receives and dispatches a vast tonnage of freight one year with another. It could receive and dispatch that freight more largely through its own port than it does, and in doing it get a better freight rate probably and put its own industries and its own buyers on a better financial basis from which to offer successful competition with other sections. There is no doubt that if we were to foster more completely our water transportation we could as a state encourage much more transportation.

No Fight With Railroads.

I am not at war with the railroads. If I had my way, we would encourage the railroads, for they have more of a work ahead of them than they have ever yet done, and they have done the big task of making this United States. Without the railroads, we would be trailing along in the ox wagon or staying at home. Staying at home, and carrying on no commerce would have left this entire country in the undeveloped condition of the mountains, where strangers and new products have been shut out. The railroads have made this country. Probably no other one factor has done so much as the railroads. But the port and the railroad have no quarrel. Where the ports are there the railroads do the business.

If they are in competition with each other the competition is a mistake, for the only economical freight transportation is that which takes advantage of the lowest cost.

Pittsburg originates more freight tonnage than any other community on the globe, and it moves the bulk of it by water on the rivers. Because the vast freight movement there makes so much business the railroads that serve Pittsburg are among the busiest in the world. The railroads that haul freight to the port of New York right now are overwhelmed with business, and their yards are smothered with freight hauled down to New York for shipment at the port. A good port makes busy railroads. So it is not a question of competition, but a question of co-operation. If Wilmington can be made a great port of entry and dispatch, so that North Carolina as a State can be stimulated to the greatest production of which its resources are capable, the railroads that carry freight in the State will find their facilities taxed to the limit to handle the increased product.

That this goes without saying is amply proved by the situation that has confronted the railroads ever since they came to the State. Right now is as good an illustration of their straits as any time. The Southern has been straining every resource to increase the double track mileage to handle the traffic. The Coast Line has been building double track to enable it to care for its traffic. The Seaboard is right now sweating to get its track improvement completed before the first of January so it may put on its Florida fast trains to handle its Southern traffic, and the absorption and building of a new line all the way from Hamlet to Savannah that the crowding traffic on the Columbia line may be relieved is evidence that the railroads do not worry about any danger from freight competition. How to get the line from Hamlet to Norlina in shape to handle the business that is pouring in from the Atlanta line, the Charlotte line, the Florida line and the Charleston line to the single track at Hamlet is a problem of the Seaboard, and the certainty is that a double track must come or the road will be buried by the business it will have to try to handle.

The Traffic Question.

The traffic question of the future is not whether the railroads are going to find business, but whether the roads are going to be able to expand fast enough to care for their business. It is not to be long until the Panama Canal will be on its feet to carry on traffic on a real basis. Then the ships that sail in that quarter will require coal to carry them on their voyage to the east and on their voyage to the west. A ship is not going to freight coal from Europe to Panama and fill its cargo space when it can get more money for carrying other cargo, and buy its coal at Panama. Panama is destined to be one of the greatest coal markets ever created, and the coal will have to come from the mountain country between Northern Alabama and Pennsylvania. That means that the North Carolina railroads will have enormous tonnage of coal from the mines to the coast, and that they must develop their facilities materially to care for it. That may explain the excellence of the work done by the Southbound and by the Clinchfield roads when they were built, and by the new Charleston branch of the Seaboard. That line is said to have one of the most perfect grades for heavy traffic in the United States.

The railroads are proceeding on the presumption that traffic is to be of vast proportions in the future. The State of North Carolina is asleep at the switch. Wilmington is a fine port which might be the terminal of important water freight lines, and will have to be sooner or later, but unless we take some steps to back the port and make it a State port by the encouragement of State shippers we will see some hard sledding before the thing adjusts itself automatically.

North Carolina by nature ought to have enviable freight rates to every point. New York is the center of the freight system of America. Low rates from everywhere prevail to New York. Wilmington is in easy reach of New York by water. The rate from the Northwest to New York by water should not be increased very much to reach Wilmington by water. The rates from the Mississippi and New Orleans should not be increased much to reach Wilmington by water. The rates from the Pacific coast to Wilmington should be as low as to any other place in the East, for Wilmington is nearer the canal through which water freight must come than the other ports are.

Bring Freight by Wilmington.

The railroads of North Carolina can be kept as busy hauling freight from Wilmington as hauling it from places out of the State if the people of North Carolina want their freight to come by way of Wilmington. There is the whole story. Wilmington cannot solve the problem. Wilmington is doing what it can to make the port an opportunity for the rest of the State, but if the State is to get the benefit of what Wilmington is trying to do other towns and cities must take up the matter as a personal proposition instead of one that concerns Wilmington alone.

As a State we are not well enough acquainted with Wilmington and not in close enough touch with this fine old city. Wilmington is a handsome, modern, homely town, pleasing to look at, agreeable to visit, the gateway of the famous beaches, the summer play ground of the State, and it is a highly valuable State asset. The mountains of North Carolina are destined to be the summer resort for a large part of the Eastern North Carolina because no other part of the East has such mountains. The coast line of North Carolina will be the coast resort more peculiarly for North Carolina because other states have fine coast lines. Therefore Wilmington becomes more the really summer gateway for the State of North Carolina than any other spot, and as a State possibility Wilmington should appeal. As a State we need to be infinitely better acquainted with our port town that we may profit more by making it the best possible place for the purpose that it can be made.

Closer Acquaintance in Sight.

I think this closer acquaintance is in sight before long. Over in Charlotte a movement has started to build a through highway from Charlotte to the Sandhills country. In the Sandhills an enthusiasm has been aroused for two extensions of that road to Wilmington, one coming by way of Fayetteville and Sampson county, the other by way of Lumberton and Bladen county. Already the road from Fayetteville and Lumberton to the Sandhills is completed and in operation, and from the Sandhills it is completed as far as Troy in Montgomery county. From Charlotte a route is finished almost to the Yadkin river east of Albemarle, and the people of Albemarle have a scheme for bridging the river at Badin when the big new dam there is completed, which will close the road from Charlotte, by way of Albemarle, Troy, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Raeford, Fayetteville, down toward Clinton, with the exception of the gap from the Yadkin to Troy, a gap easily finished. The Sampson and Pender folks are planning to build the line necessary through their territory, and much of it is also ready now. On the Lumberton route the road is finished from Charlotte to Southern Pines and Raeford, and well to Lumberton, and probably below. Also the road by way of Cheraw and Monroe is opened, so that Wilmington is close in sight of two through highways from Charlotte, and from the Sandhills, which means, with the connections now built and building every point of importance in the State will soon be in touch with Wilmington by a good automobile road, and the whole State will begin to get more closely acquainted.

The port of Wilmington is one of the big resources of the State of North Carolina, and worth to the State just what the State cares to make of it. It is the key of all freight rates, for it opens all the country by water to a closer connection with the State. The great lakes and the ocean make the route from the Northwest to North Carolina a water route. The Mississippi does the same for the Central West and the Panama Canal has the same effect on the Pacific side. If the State will get together on the development of the port of Wilmington, taking the attitude that Wilmington is a State asset instead of a segregated community, and that the amplification of freight routes is a State opportunity North Carolina can become one of the favored States as far as freight rates are concerned. Wilmington is the key to the situation. The slack water about to be provided in the Cape Fear will put the Wilmington harbor over a hundred miles back into the interior of the State, giving North Carolina exceptionally low water rates for more than half the State.

As a State we are not playing the game. We are leaving Wilmington to make the fight by itself, when it is the fight of the State. While Wilmington is putting up the effort most of the rest of us are pulling chestnuts out of the fire for outside ports and outside states.

Overlooking an Asset.

Wilmington is an asset we are overlooking. Yet aside from the fact that it is our natural port of entry and despatch, Wilmington is a valuable asset in the strong men there, the strong commercial institutions, the strategic location, and its relation to the entire southeastern part of the State.

What made the Puget Sound region? Largely the utilization of the refuge there inside the land bound ports. What made San Francisco? The sheltered port inside the bay. When storms destroyed Galveston the people put up millions of dollars to make an artificial protection for the city that the port might be continued, and see the business it does and the activity in all of the interior close by. What would happen to Texas if Galveston should be allowed to die? Texas would be a commercial annex to New Orleans. What will happen to North Carolina if we do not stand by our own port? Will we have our mail sent in care of Norfolk or Charleston? Are we going to stay in North Carolina and do business in Virginia or do it at home?

After looking over this town of Wilmington I still ask, are we as a State playing the game with Wilmington. I doubt if we are, and as a State we are the losers. We ought to get together as a State and with Wilmington and make our port actually our port and be proud of it, for it has the making of one of the busiest in the world as it is now one of the finest.

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It Should be Read by Every North Carolinian, Says Reidsville Man.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

To the Editor:—Mr. Bion H. Butler has an article of the 29th instant which should be read by every North Carolinian, because it is a matter of the deepest concern to every citizen of this great Commonwealth.

That Wilmington is the greatest asset that the State has if properly used is perfectly apparent to the writer. She should be to this State just what Richmond and Norfolk are to Virginia—the gateway. Every natural condition obtains here that obtains in those two cities. North Carolina is paying millions of toll to them every year that should be saved to the citizens of this State, to say nothing about the excess tolls which are collected from us by the railroads. That we have remained asleep so long is a reflection on our intelligence.

When the writer was asked to meet a committee in the office of the Governor a year or two ago to discuss this question of freight rates, one of the finest, deepest and most learned addresses made at that meeting was made by Mr. Taylor, of Wilmington.

No man in the State better knows the grievances of the business men of the State than Mr. Taylor, and how to correct them.

Let Mr. Taylor tell us what we can do to render the necessary aid to carry into effect the things of which Mr. Bion H. Butler so forcibly speaks in his letter, and whatever that may be, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and give one big push and roll the thing over.

Will Mr. Taylor please step to the front and let the State hear from him on this most interesting subject?

Very truly yours,

J. F. WRAY.

Reidsville, N. C.

GOOD YEAR AT WILSON

First Baptist Church Shows Fine Record of Work Done.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 4.—Wilson Baptist church will send to the State Baptist Convention in Charlotte the coming week the best report in its history. The church will report 63 additions during the year, and 33 of these by baptism. The total offerings during the year, and there was no debt on the building to be met and no extraordinary local expenditure, amount to $5,027.92. Inaddition to these figures, the church has since the close of the fiscal year raised $800 for the work of constructing a mission chapel in South Wilson. This building will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year and will be placed at the disposal of the State Mission Board. The church has also purchased a lot in East Wilson and proposes to erect a building on the lot later. Rev. T. W. Chambliss has been pastor of the church over three years and during that time the church has raised for all purposes over $16,000 and without any strenuous methods, the regular weekly contribution from every member for local expenses and mission purposes being the plan. The church reports 355 members and when the strength of the church is taken into consideration the reports are remarkable.

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THE HOME CIRCLE PAGE

EDITED BY LILIAN CRAIGEN ADAMS

Children's Clothes Expensive

Many a Youngster's Bonnet Costs More Than Grandmother's Did

Have you observed the children, how they dress in these days, gentle reader? If so, what have been your reflections?

It was in a very smart shop, recently, that a fond mamma selected clothes for her small girl. The department was filled with other fond mammas and it is not too much to say that each tried to outvie the other in the amount of her expenditures.

The parent in whom we are most interested, however, had brought her offspring with her and the decision and poise of that young person—aged presumably six—was such as to render speechless with consternation all of the childless persons who witnessed the scene. The mother was selecting a bonnet and coat for the little one and she was hesitating between a fur bonnet at $15 and a velvet one at $12 when the latter spoke crisply:

"I will not have a velvet hat," said she.

"But it is very pretty," remarked her mother meekly.

"Beaver or nothing," cried the child, "and it must have a feather."

So a beaver bonnet was brought from its wrappings, and sure enough a small pink ostrich plume curled coyly against the warm brown fur. When this bonnet was placed on the little girl's head she looked at herself in the mirror with pure enjoyment.

"How does it look in the back?" she asked.

Reassured as to the view from that standpoint she professed herself satisfied and the bonnet was purchased. It cost $18. The coat selected to go with this was of brown velour lined with pink satin and with cuffs and collar of beaver. For this the mother paid $30. Then mother and child left the department together, the latter protesting that she would have a beaver muff or her costume would not be complete.

Other mothers buying clothes in that department that morning paid as much as $9 for hats for children four years old; they paid $7 for silk sweaters for 6-year-olders. One lady bought a sealskin coat for her three-year-old child.

Hats for little girls ranged in price from $5 to $30, dresses went as high as $25. A frock that was being tried on one cherub with golden curls was made of the finest French nainsook, trimmed with real lace and elaborately embroidered by hand. Indeed every stitch in the little frock had been set by hand in a convent in Paris, and very dainty and frothy was the finished whole. Thirty-five dollars was asked for this—and given.

A plain-looking woman who had watched this scene with great interest spoke to her companion: "What fools!" said she.

"The children?" inquired her startled friend.

"No, the mothers," answered the other. "What an outrage it is to dress children up like monkeys in such expensive clothes; what a shame thus early to give them a taste of finery and to make them despise plain and inexpensive dresses. I remember well the day when every small child's best coat was made at home by her mother, usually out of some grown-ups outworn garment. I remember when her best frock was fashioned from domestic nainsook daintily trimmed, but at a total cost of five dollars, and her everyday frocks were of gingham. I remember when all of the children wore Tam O'Shanters on their heads, or at best cheap little felt hats. The mother who paid $18 for a six-year-old's bonnet then would have been put in the insane asylum.

"The money wasted on children in these days is wicked. Just compare the parties they have now with those of our childhood. We pulled taffy and played simple games, and had vanilla ice cream and sponge cake to eat and went home gloriously happy. Now at children's parties they have paid entertainers who save the poor little things all the planning of their own amusements, and all worry. They need have no initiative at all.

"Then each child is given a souvenir of the occasion, and some of these are very costly—mechanical toys, French dolls, even jewelry indeed. There must be music by which to dance, and all sorts of fancy foods or else the little dears are dissatisfied.

"It's an outrage," said the plain-looking woman, paying for the two gingham frocks she had bought, "the treatment that children receive now. They will be blase before they are eighteen, and world-worn at twenty. They have too many luxuries and make too few sacrifices. In consequence they are selfish little beasts and it would do me good to spank them all around at least once a week for their soul's sake!"

The Dressmaker's Magic

How An Unbecoming Gown Was Made Attractive By Means of A Touch or Two

THE fashions of the season are very, very trying indeed and sometimes an unkind and satirical fate seems to lead us to the identical one which is least becoming to our peculiar, not to say unique style of beauty.

It was thus with the heroine of this veracious tale. Tired and hurried she went late one afternoon into a shop to purchase an afternoon gown to wear to a card-party which impended. So nearly at hand was this function indeed that she knew she must buy a gown that very day if she were to appear decently clad.

So she tried on frock after frock and the greater the number she put on the more bewildered she became in her head and the more her feet, clad in new patent leather shoes ached. By the time she had slipped the eleventh model over her head and the saleswoman had hooked its innumerable hooks and had puffed out its tunic the woman was desperate.

"Why," she asked herself, "why try to discriminate among gowns which are all unbecoming and uncomfortable. It is wasting time even to attempt to select one." And so she pointed with an exhausted forefinger to the eleventh model and said in a die-away voice, "I'll take that one."

The result was of the sort usual to this kind of shopping. The woman hated herself in that frock as she had never thought to hate anyone. More than that the first time her husband saw her in it he cried with truly masculine candor, "my what a frump you look."

After that the woman wore it no more for months, and a perfectly good $49 gown seemed destined to go to waste when a thought occurred to her which would have occurred to a cleverer woman earlier. "I'll have it made over," said she.

With this idea in mind she took the frock to a capable dressmaker, and put it on. "Am I not hideous?" she asked. "Do I look like 1830, and my own great grandmother, or do I not? What can you do with it? Can you make it at all wearable?"

The dressmaker, after some thought, said that she could make the gown wearable. "Leave all to me," said she mysteriously.

And the woman had to be satisfied with this sphinx-like utterance. She went home and in the course of time the gown followed, and when the woman put it on she found to her great delight that it was immensely becoming and very smart. Then she examined it carefully to see what changes the dressmaker had made. The dressmaker, wisdom-y person that she was, had made exactly three changes in the gown. She had made elbow sleeves of the long bishop's sleeves it had originally had; she had put on a wider girdle, and she had taken off the high-at-the-back collar of taffeta and put on a flat one of soft Georgette crepe instead. And these touches had effected a transformation.

This story is valuable only for its moral which is obviously that a becoming gown may often be made of a hideous one by the slightest of alterations.

The dressmaker had made exactly three changes.

THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER SAYS

THAT all of those ladies who in imitation of their mothers and their grandmothers make their own fruit cakes and mincemeat instead of depending on the baker for them, are now getting together the materials for those goodies. Fruit cake tastes better for standing two or three weeks before being eaten; mincemeat must ripen to be really delicious, there is no time to be lost therefore in preparing them.

Almost every family has some cherished recipe for fruit cake which has been handed down from one generation to another since that delicacy became famous. These very only in slight degree. One famous rule calls for grated chocolate, for instance. Another demands a certain proportion of molasses, whereas there are housekeepers who consider using molasses in a fruit cake nothing less than sacrilege and would die first. The rule given here comes from an English source and is a good general one. It may be varied by adding other fruits when it is so desired.

Fruit cake: 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. light brownsugar, 1 lb. flour, 9 eggs, 2 teaspoons mace, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 tablespoons milk, 3 lbs. currants, 2 lbs. raisins, seeded and finely chopped, one-half pound almonds blanched and shredded, 1 lb. citron, thinly sliced and cut in strips. Cream the butter and add the sugar gradually and thoroughly. Beat the yolks of the eggs until stiff and lemon colored, the whites until stiff and dry and add to the butter and sugar mixture. Then add milk, fruit, nuts, and flour mixed and sifted with mace, cinnamon and soda. Put in deep pans which have been well greased and bake in a slow oven until done, which will be in about four hours.

Many housewives put brandy in their fruit cake batter, but a very excellent cook advises that a wine glass and a half of brandy be poured over the cake after it has been baked and is cool.

The following recipe for mincemeat is a hundred years old and no better one has ever been found. Boil two pounds of lean beef and chop very fine; mince one pound of suet until it is reduced to a powder; seed and halve two pounds of raisins, wash two pounds of cleaned currants, chop five pounds of apples and three-fourths of a pound of citron and mix all of these ingredients. While mixing add two tablespoons each of mace and cinnamon, one tablespoon each of allspice and cloves, one teaspoon of nutmeg, one tablespoon of salt and two and one-half pounds of light brown sugar. Put into a wooden chopping bowl and chop very fine. Now add one quart of sherry wine and one pint of the best brandy. Pack the mincemeat into stone jars and put away to await the glorious time when it will be used to fill pastry.

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SEASONABLE JOTTINGS

DO your Christmas shopping early—or else don't. In other words do not dwardle in the shops examining articles and taking up the saleswoman's time, and then, reflecting that it is early and that you will have plenty of time to decide, go out without purchasing. It is this habit which some women possess which makes early shopping a questionable blessing.

What a winter of brilliant colors! A matinee now looks like a Futurist picture. Especially are the purples conspicuous.

Even the petticoats have fur on them. Alas, that the very short skirt renders it unnecessary to show the petticoat no matter how muddy the crossing.

Boots of black kid with a cuff of beaver (?) fur at the top are quoted at as low a figure as $4.

A pretty frock for a tiny girl is of white nainsook, the only trimming consisting of a broad band of smocking at the waist and scallops at the collar and cuffs done in color.

Pretty boudoir caps are made of very fine embroidered handkerchiefs. The handkerchiefs are cut into four pieces and the sections are joined by means of insertions of lace. A second handkerchief may then be cut and so arranged as to form tabs on each side and at the front and back. A band of ribbon may finish this at the hair line.

Red fox and gray squirrel are two of the furs which are used in combination and which look amazingly well together.

But any fur may be used with any other in this topsy-turvy time.

Artificial flowers are again worn on evening gowns with the rose first favorite as ever.

Little Fables of the Business World

What It Did To Him

THERE was once a certain Young Man who was a regular Boob, even in the Small Town where he had his Habitat. He was a Hick, a Reuben for fair, even in that Jumping-Off Place. He didn't care who knew he wore Red Flannels, and he couldn't see Any Sense in sending any but a Seven-Day-Old Shirt to the Washtub, or in shining his Boots more than twice a month.

He wore his Hair like a Yokel and he Walked and Talked and Acted-Up like one. To the sex masculine of the Burg he was a Clod-Hopper; to the sex feminine he wasn't even On the Map.

One day, after the Village School had Done its Best for him, his father, who was one of the best-heeled Tightwads in the community, got him a Job in the city, through a man who Owed him Money on a Country Place he had Splurged On. So Our Hero packed the imitation leather Suitcase, put on his Sunday Suit and hopped the Eastbound local.

Two days later he was Perched on a High Stool at the office adding up Figures and wishing he had taken the Job as Delivery Boy in Hobb's General Emporium back t'hum instead.

Instantly, as an Addition to the office Force he made a hit as a Blurb. The fellows all called him Rube, and for a long time he thought they really meant it when they asked him, "Wall, how's craps, Hiram?"

But it wasn't long before O. H. got an Inkling that they were Kidding him. And a while later, when he Felt Sure, he rolled up his Red Flannel Shirt Sleeves and did a regular Barn Dance all over the Offender. Thereafter, the fellows in the office never called him a Hick to his face. And one or two of them began to Tell him a Few Things On the Level.

In six months time, O. H. had shed most of the Hay Seed. He had his Hair cut once a month, whether it Needed it or not. He changed the Color of his Undershirt and sent his Collars to the Laundry regularly. Also, he began to be wise to City Ways. For instance, he could Cross the Street without being Run Over and he didn't Froth at the Mouth when he had to tip a Waiter (though the waiter almost did).

Six months more, and you'd never have known he was a Country Boy, except when he Bragged about It.

Today, you ought to see him. He's There, yea, verily, he's There. There isn't a Chap in the office who's Got a Thing On him; nor has he anything on that is even a Seventh-cousin-twice-removed to the Sartorial Abortions they wear. As a Dresser, he's the Class. And when it comes to being au fait and the Proper Caper and Some Class, why, he's There with the savoir faire stuff and the Chesterfield bow and the Matinee Idol style. There's no doubt about it, he Fits In!

To say that he Goes In for Society is to Libel him. Society goes in for him; that is, what passes as Sassiety in any Big Jay Town.

To see him dress for a Function is to get a Fine Lesson in Efficiency. He'll tie his White Bow Tie a dozen times before he's content to Let It Alone. And he'll Dare you to find a Wrinkle in his Dress Coat.

He can Balance a plate of salad, fork and all the Other Trimmins in one hand and Fan his partner with the other without Spilling a Drop. The New Dances are Old to him.

He can ride in a Taxi, en route to the Theatre or a Function, without even Once glancing at the Meter.

He's long on the Flower Stuff and Literature and Art, and short on anything that Smacks of the Unfashionable.

Also, he's had several Boosts in the matter of Income. In fact, he's long since left his First Job and he's about to Accept a Position with a Regular Firm—they like his Clothes and his Manner and his Calling List.

He's headed for Big Things, they say, and several Heiresses have their Eyes on him.

Moral: When you move to Town cut the fringe off your Trousers.

Before He's Content To Let It Alone.

THE TOWNBREDS & their Country Place

By Edward Riddle Padgett.

Through the Snow

WHEN it snows in the city, you wonder how short a time it will be before you are wading through slush and berating the street cleaning department. But when it snows in the country, you straightway think of buying, or at least renting, a sleigh—if already you haven't one of your own.

"But I Jist Painted it all up, ma'am."

And so it had been with the Townbreds. With the first real snow of the season, Mrs. Townbred had instantly seen the need of a sleigh to which old Bob, their faithful white horse, could be hitched and sent merrily on his way, bells a-jingle. And Mr. Townbred had agreed.

So, the other morning, she drove to the nearby village to interview the liveryman there who, she had heard, had a sleigh for sale. He had; and it had just been painted a regular "speed devil" red.

Mrs. Townbred was not exactly in accord with such a color-scheme, but she wanted a sleigh in a hurry and this, so far as she knew, was the only one thereabouts which was for sale.

"I wouldn't sell it at all, Mrs. Townbred," said the rural liveryman, loosening one of his ear-protectors, "'ceptin' that I got a new one an' ain't got much use fer this here one."

"Then you'll sell it cheaply," interposed Mrs. Townbred quickly.

He wasn't even annoyed. Hero of countless "deals" and trades and dickerings, he felt sure of himself and of his tongue. "Yessum, I will," he replied, without so much as batting an eyelash. "That's why I'm willin' to take twenty-five dollars fer it—from a neighbor. Of course if any outsider came erlong, I'd hold it fer thirty, but—"

"Twenty-five is too much," interrupted Mrs. Townbred in decided tones. "It's second-hand and—"

"But I jist painted it all up, ma'am."

"So I see," said Mrs. Townbred, icily. "That's what I'm talking about; that's why it isn't worth over fifteen."

This time the old fellow gasped, not with apprehension, but because it took him a moment or two to understand. "Don't—don't you like red, ma'am?" he asked weakly.

"Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Townbred, airily. "I like red—but there are several different kinds of red, you know. And this sleigh looks like it had been in an accident and bled all over."

The old chap stroked his chin reflectively. "Well," he drawled, presently, "I might paint it over ergin, ma'am?"

Mrs. Townbred shook her head. "No, I don't want to wait. I must have a sleigh immediately—and I can get one sent out from town by tomorrow morning without any trouble."

"But it'll cost you a heap sight more. And I'll throw in the bells fer good measure."

"Perhaps—yet we'll then have a new one. No, I wouldn't think of paying that much for it." And Mrs. Townbred turned and walked away.

The old fellow watched her a moment and then called, "Jist a minute, Mrs. Townbred—maybe we kin agree. How erbout eighteen?"

"No!" she said, without even pausing.

"I jist can't let it go fer no fifteen dollars," pleaded the liveryman, keeping pace with her. "Why I paid Hy James twenty-five fer it—"

"Six years ago, eh?" interposed Mrs. Townbred quickly. "I'll give you sixteen dollars—delivered at my barn—and not one penny more!"

He waited until she had untied Bob and climbed into the buggy before he surrendered. Then he stepped quickly up to the wheel and, with a smile, acknowledged defeat.

That afternoon, the sleigh delivered, Mrs. Townbred decided to go for a ride and to surprise Mr. Townbred when he alighted from the trolley car at the Five Oaks station. They would have time for a short ride together before dinner, she thought.

So John hooked up old Bob, bells and all, and led him to the front of the house.

On scheduled time, later that afternoon, Mr. Townbred arrived at Five Oaks. But there was no sleigh to meet him. Not that he had expected it, for he hadn't; so he ambled along toward the house through the dry, hard snow, breathing in the clear, cold air, and feeling every nerve a-tingle.

"I believe I'll have John saddle Lady Flirt," he said to himself, half aloud. "This is sure some weather!"

Virgie, the cook, of course informed him of the purchase of the sleigh and that Mrs. Townbred had gone for a ride. Straightway, manlike, he was a little nettled that she hadn't waited for him. So he told John to saddle his riding mare and went up stairs to put on warm clothes, though they were not his smart riding togs which, alas, were much too thin for such weather.

Twenty minutes later, as he rode out of the place, he noticed the tracks of the sleigh in the snow and decided to follow them.

Now, ordinarily, his task would have been hopeless. But he had proceeded no farther down the "back-road" than the crest of the nearest hill, where the road forked, when he uttered a cry of amazement and all but pulled Lady Flirt back on her haunches in his mad desire to stop.

There, on the snow, right beside the tracks, was a smear of red. And it looked like blood!

Could anything have happened to Mrs. Townbred! Had old Bob ran away! If so, it was evident that she had not been thrown out, since she was not there Had—

He looked ahead down the road, which turned off sharply to the right, and there, along it at intervals, were the tell-tale red stains again! Heavens! His wife had been pitched out and was being dragged along!

He spurred Lady Flirt and they dashed madly onward, following the bloody trail. For a full hour they kept to the hunt. Often, when the trail seemed lost in the myriad of other tracks, Mr. Townbred would continue ahead and presently in a deep drift find another red stain which showed he was on the right track.

An hour more and Mr. Townbred was all in, what with the cold and the strain under which he was laboring. Lady Flirt, too, hung her head and just floundered along. Presently, though, he was electrified—the trail turned in at Dr. Campbell's gate!

She had gone to the doctors! Perhaps she was dying!

He pulled Lady Flirt out of her lethargy and dashed madly up to the door, not even seeing old Bob and the sleigh hitched to a post in the rear of the house.

He pounded on the door like one possessed. And Dr. Campbell came in a hurry, only to start back in amazement when he had recognized the visitor.

"Tell me—tell me the worst, Doctor!" cried Mr. Townbred.

Doctor Campbell blinked and stood with his mouth open.

"Is she dead? Was she trampled? Where is she?" And Mr. Townbred brushed past him and into the living room.

There, sitting in a chair opposite Mrs. Campbell, with a basin between them, were Mrs. Townbred and the doctor's wife zealously rubbing something out of the basin onto Mrs. Townbred's fur coat—wherever it had a red stain!

Mr. Townbred clutched at the door for support.

"Frieda—Frieda—you—?" he cried weakly.

"Why, Ruthvin, what is the matter?" exclaimed Mrs. Townbred, springing to her feet.

"Are—you hurt? Are you sure you are all right?" he gasped.

"Hurt? Hurt? Of course not! But I know a liveryman around here who is going to be hurt if I ever get my hands on him! He sold me a red sleigh today, Ruthvin, and when it got wet going through the drifts the red came off. I didn't notice it until I got out to call upon Mrs. Campbell and—just look at my fur coat!"

"Excuse us a moment, please," said Dr. Campbell, linking his arm through Mr. Townbred's and drawing him back into the hall. "Come, Townbred," he whispered, "come into my study—we need a bracer. Ah! here we are! Heavens, man, from the way you pounded on the door I didn't know whether to open it first or grab up my surgical satchel! Say—when."

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WHO WILL SUCCEED REV. DR. L. JOHNSON

Biggest Question Baptist State Convention is to Answer

CHARLOTTE THIS WEEK

Most Important Matter Before the Body is Election of State Mission Secretary—New Method This Year.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 4.—The 85th annual session of the Baptist State Convention will convene in Charlotte Tuesday night, December 7. It is to be an epochal convention. Overshadowing every other matter which will be considered, is the necessity for the selection of a corresponding secretary of missions—the one position in Baptist denominational work around which the progress of the churches revolves. Beyond all question the most important place in denominational life and with its importance the most difficult position to fill and one which demands untiring energy, peculiarly tactful patience and unconquerable faith. Much talk concerning the possibilities has been heard, not with any purpose of possible campaigning but rather with a spirit of thoughtful anxiety.

It has been fifteen years since the Baptist Convention selected a corresponding secretary of missions—in a sense—it is true that the corresponding secretary is elected each year and for only a year—but when once the convention finds the man who belongs to the place and is fitted for its burdens and its responsibilities, the matter of his re-election each year is merely the formality of a motion "suspending the rules and authorizing the secretary of the convention to cast the ballot of the convention." Thus it has been done year after year and the delegates gathered from hills and plains have felt that the right man was in the office. Rev. Livingston Johnson, D. D., was the beloved pastor in Greensboro fifteen years ago when a committee appointed by the Baptist State Convention, after quiet meditation, earnest prayer and serious consideration named him as their nomination for the place which for five years had been held by Rev. John E. White, D. D. Prior to Dr. White, the honored Columbus Durham was corresponding secretary seven years and he was preceded by Mr. John E. Ray, a consecrated layman, and a successful secretary. Mr. Ray held the place ten years. So it is very evident that changes were not made in this important position without serious consideration.

Dr. Johnson, big of body and bigger of heart, has given to the Baptist denomination 15 years of unceasing service. In every section of the State he is known, loved and honored. He has not only won the heart and the confidence of the denomination but he has been nominated as the "best State mission secretary in the bounds of the So thern Baptist Convention."

During the 15 years, under the leadership of Dr. Johnson, the Baptists have contributed for the work of State missions alone, this money being used in evangelization within the borders of this State, a great sum—almost $550,000—the exact figures as well as I can secure them at this time being $544,538.34. The first year of the administration of Dr. Johnson found the total conutributed for State mission to be $20,137.90. The last year—this year—the total to tbe reported at Charlotte is $58,524.59—lacks but a little of being three times as much.

Now Dr. Johnson has decided to give up the work—he resigned two months ago—to take effect with the close of the convention year and has accepted the care of the First Baptist church of Rocky Mount.

Consequently it is on the hearts of the Baptists of the State as to the selection of a successor. Some have suggested the appointment of a committee to nominate and others favor the election without a committee—it is likely that a committee will be appointed. But whatever the method the convention will be seriously thoughtful and prayerful. For weeks the salutation between Baptists has almost universally been followed with the question, "Who will succeed Dr Johnson?" and as universally has been the reply, "I do not know." But names have been mentioned, not as particular possibilities but as being fitted by equipment and disposition. But no man knows and there are no seeker after the position.

Other Matters.

There are other matters of importance to come before the convention There is the balance due on the church building at Wake Forest, ordered by the convention when it met at Goldsboro in 1912. Rev. Charles E Maddry, of Raleigh, as the chairman of a special committee, has given the denomination the best work of his life this year, when in addition to the arduous duties of a busy pastorate, he has worked day and night to gathe the $18,000 necessary to liquidate the debt. Just what his report is to be is a matter of anxiety. There will likely be still a small deficit. Mr. Maddry has announced that he will ask to be relieved of the burden of the committee work.

There is to be a report of a committee on simpler plan. It will provoke thought and possibly provoke discussion. To this committee last year were referred several resolutions and they are to work them over and report to the convention. There will likely be a discussion of a suggestion to build a home for aged ministers. The matter was up once before. There is a fund which has been contributed for the purpose and some of the district associations this year have gone on record in favor of the home—but the old ministers do not want it—and it is hardly possible that the convention will order the work. The death of Noah Riggs of Scotland Neck makes it necessary for the convention to elect a trustee.

New Method This Year.

The coming session will be featured by the first report of the board of education appointed last year and of which Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., for 15 years president of Meredith college, is the corresponding secretary. Dr. Vann will read his first report in Charlotte and Meredith college, Wake Forest college and the secondary schools will report through this board, instead of directly to the convention as formerly. This action will greatly expedite educational matters before the convention and tends to more intelligent work along Christian educational lines.

The committee on order of business has arranged for the election of convention officers to follow the annual sermon, rather than before the sermon. Last year when the convention met in Raleigh, the fact that the election preceded the sermon was embarrassing to the preacher, who was unable to present his message until a late hour and with the minds of the messengers entirely led away from the sermon. The annual sermon usually presents the key thought of the convention. This year the preacher is to be Rev. T. W. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh. The selected alternate is Rev. J. Clyde Turner of the First church, Greensboro. The sermon is the first matter of business and comes at 7:30 Tuesday night.

Conference of Pastors.

The annual pastor's conference precedes the convention. The first session is to be Monday nght, December 6. Rev. Bruce Benton, of Rockingham, will deliver the annual sermon before the pastors. Tuesday is featured with a number of promising features. Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., of Chapel Hill, will speak on the theme, "The Preacher Maintaining His Intellectual Life." Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, Oxford, will take the subject, "The Pastor's Heart Life." Tuesday evening, Rev. A. T. Robertson, D. D., of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will deliver an address and will be followed by a devotional address by Rev. Charles Anderson, D. D., Statesville.

Tuesday afternoon the programme provides for four addresses. Rev. L. B. Padgett, Newbern, "The Church's Ideal and Program." Rev. W. N. Johnson, Wake Forest, "Church Finance." Rev. J. G. Bialock, Weldon, "How to Secure and Maintain Purity of Church Life," and the closing address, the feature of the entire programme, is an address by Rev. M. G. Evans, D.D., LL. D., president of Crozer Theological Seminary.

The "Harvard Plan"

For the first time in the history of the Baptist State Convention the "Harvard Plan" of entertainment is to be put in practice. This plan has been favored by many members of the convention for several years but has always met with rebuke when proposed. The plan provides that lodging and breakfast be furnished the delegates and luncheon and dinner are to be secured by the delegates at hotels or restaurants. The plan makes it much easier on the hosts of the convention and also enables committees and other busy members of the convention to have some time between the sessions of the body. Charlotte Baptists elected the plan and have so notified the denomination.

HOW TO CULTIVATE ASSURANCE.

How a "Failing" Salesman Made Good by Change of Viewpoint.

The following method of gaining assurance is told in the department on "Habits" in the December issue of The American Magazine. It is the experience of a salesman who could not sell his goods because he allowed himself to be discouraged at initial attempts. It has wide application everywhere.

"I am a commercial traveler who has conquered the habit of despondency. Everyone who sells goods knows how fierce is the competition. When I took this job, six years ago, it seemed absolutely overwhelming. I didn't sell anything to speak of, and made up my mind that I couldn't; though I kept on making the round of the groceries. There seemed to be one thousand salesmen just ahead of me. I grew bitter at the one thousand and everybody else. Whenever I entered a store it was with the firm conviction that I should not get an order. I looked dull-eyed at the merchant, and said gloomily:

"'Anything in my line?' at the same time reaching for the door knob. They didn't try to detain me.

"One day in conversation with an old drummer, a shrewd veteran of the road, I opened my heart with a savage complaint about the one thousand salesmen, my advance guard. He puffed his cigar a moment, his eyes twinkled, and he slapped me on the shoulder.

"'I know,' he said. 'I had 'em ahead of me, once. They raised Cain with me, until I chased 'em to the rear. Take my advice, boy, and get up to the head of the procession, and let the other fellows do the worrying.'

"I thought it over, and it dawned on me that it was a question of viewpoint. I had formed a habit of picturing myself at the tail of the line, though in reality we were going in a circle, and my position was as good as any. Then I changed my tactics and formed a new habit—the habit of thinking of myself as the leader, the very first man in the territory. Just as an experiment, I went out the next day believing that I should get orders. I pulled my order book and pencil the moment I entered a store and began to name certain goods.

"'Sugar?' I cried, looking the grocer expectantly in the eye, as much as to say that I could see the empty barrel behind his counter. And the barrel was empty. It worked so well in the first store that I tried more vigorously in the next, and the merchant came down freely. It was almost uncanny, the way I guessed the items he needed. I went out on the sidewalk and laughed aloud. And I actually sold more goods that day than I had sold before in three weeks.

PROSPEROUS PITT.

Cotton and Tobacco Have Turned Out Well—The Outlook for 1916.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Nov. 30. — This has been a good November on the Greenville tobacco market. Large sales and good prices have been the rule, with generally well satisfied sellers. There have been several block sales in the last few weeks, but sales this week have not been heavy, though right much tobacco has been upon the warehouse floors.

With the month closing today, the sales have been 3,680,968 pounds. For this amount there has been paid out $542,275.85, making the average $14.75 per hundred pounds. The total sales for the season have been a few pounds less than 17,000,000. There is yet considerable tobacco in the farmers' hands and the sales for the entire season will probably run ahead of those of last season. It is estimated that not over 20 per cent. of the tobacco is yet unmarketed.

If the prices of cotton and cotton seed continue at the present figures, or near them, it is probable that next year's tobacco crop will not be as large as this year's. There is considerable cotton talk.

There now remains very little cotton unpicked in the field. It was picked earlier this year than usual. Farmers paid good prices for picking and got good prices for most sold.

There are also good prospects for "hog and hominy" in Pitt for 1916. The corn crop is good, and also the hog production, which has been affected very little by diseases.

PHILIPPS' MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

(By Mamie Bays.)

When the late Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. became superintendent of the Sabath School department of the Southern Presbyterian church, the numb of Sabbath schools in the church w 2,157, with an enrollment of 175,0 that was in 1900; at the time when I Phillips was called to lay down this work, 14 years later, the Sabbath schools of the church had increased to 3,688 and the enrollment of scholars was 310,000. The figures reveal only one phase of always active and always successful service Dr. Phillips gave to his church. It is probable that he was best known as a Sabbath school leader and worker, but his activity was not confined to this one phase of church development. Dr. Phillips was a loyal Presbyterian and an honored minister of his church, but his efficient, successful service extended far beyond the limit of one denomination. He was honored and loved, on account of his breadth of Christian spirit and his capable judgment, not only by the Presbyterian church, but by all evangelical denominations; and by all of these was he recognized as a leader in every phase of the work of the church that touched the uplift and development of the young life of the church. It is probable that no man in the South within so short a time was honored with membership in an official relation to so many interdenominational and international organizations in the interest of the Sabbath school and other phases of church activity. His counsel was sought eagerly in all of these organizations and the wisdom of his opinion was recognized.

Dr. Phillips possessed a spirit of safe optimism and he was a man of vision. It was his vision realized, as the result of the earnest work that made of the vision a reality, that made the Sabbath school of his church so great a force within so short a time.

The last great vision of Dr. Phillips earthly life was the establishment of a successful training school for lay workers and he lived only long enough to see the reality of this vision in the first year of its existence. He realized that the church is well prepared for the training of ministers and those who expect to become ministers, but that the same was not true regarding the training of lay workers, both men and women, those who are giving their service to the church as superintendents, assistant superintendents and teachers in the Sabbath school, workers in the various phases of home missions and all departments of lay activity. The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church endorsed the plan for the establishment of this school and it was established in Richmond, the first session opening in November, 1914. The second year of this school is now well under way and the number of students enrolled is larger than that reported by any similar church school in the second year.

The General Assembly of the present year directed that an endowment fund for the training school, of $50,000 be raised as a memorial to Dr. Phillips and that this fund be known as the A. L. Phillips memorial fund. The special campaign in the interest of the raising of this fund is now to begin and the promise is that, on account of the influence for good exerted by Dr. Phillips not only in his own church, but in many other denominations as well, this fund will reach far beyond the modest figure of $50,000 when the campaign has been concluded. This amount has been divided into 5,000 shares, of ten dollars each, and for every share taken by individuals, Sabbath schools and societies certificates will be issued and these subscriptions will be payable at any time within the present church year, which closes March 31, 1916. Sabbath schools, especially, will be urged to take shares in this memorial fund and it is not to be doubted that many schools will do so and that they will gladly honor the memory of Dr. Phillips in this way. The training school for la yworkers is a school of the Southern Presbyterian church, but it is open to lay workers of all denominations who desire to take advantage of the large opportunity presented here for efficient training. On account of this fact and on account of the interdenominational influence of the life of Dr. Phillips, it is probable that many of those in other denominations than his own who honored and loved Dr. Phillips and who recognize the large possibilities of increased efficiency in lay workers of all denominations, as the result of the existence and work of the training school will be found among those who contribute to this living memorial to the man whose name, wherever it was known, was expressive of activity, energy—life.

Those who have special charge of the memorial fund campaign are Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., president of the board of managers of the training school, Rev. William Megginson, dean of the school, and R. E. Magill, the assembly's secretary of the executive committee of publication and Sunday school extension. Mr. Magill is treasurer of the fund. All of these are residents of Richmond.

CRIMES AGAINST BABYHOOD.

Recent Incident in Chicago Causes Much Discussion.

Allowing the Chicago baby to die has created a storm of protests from a large class of humanitarians who believe that human life is sacred and that the child should have been given a chance to live. On the other hand, the doctor who allowed nature to take its course and who believed it was right to let the defective baby die to save it from future misery and a life of suffering has been zealously commended by others for his service to humanity in saving society a mental and physical, and probably a moral, defective.

Probably no other case has called for so much criticism, both favorable and unfavorable. It has made people think. People who never before stopped to consider what are the rights of a baby or what the possibilities are that are concealed in such a helpless bit of human flesh, mightily exercised themselves over this incident.

Now, if all the energy, the emotion and sentiment that has been stirred up over the Chicago baby could be turned into practical channels of service to childhood and young life, then the Chicago baby's life and death has not been in vain. If only a few of the theories so generously and vehemently expressed could be put to work and be made of practical service, the living babies of today would be lifelong debtors to the Chicago baby.

For those who consider a great wrong has been done and that humanity has been sinned against in this case, there is a wide field for thought and usefulness. Why not begin applying here and now the ounce of prevention that will prevent scores and scores of such cases from ever happening? Better education of the present and future fathers and mothers in matters of health and child hygiene would undoubtedly work wonders along this line. There are many defective babies living today needing attention and service. There are diseased and subnormal children whose defects could be easily corrected, but for the price.

There are babies dying daily for want of proper care and feeding, and scores are born defective for lack of prenatal care. That these conditions exist and continue to exist are crimes against babyhood and humanity that indeed need protesting against.

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HUMAN SIDE OF M'KINLEY

Illustrated by Two Incidents Told by an Intimate Friend of Martyred President.

Two incidents, not generally known, in the life of William McKinley were recited by James H. Hoyt, of Cleveland, who was an intimate friend of the martyred President, at the laying of the corner stone of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial at Niles Ohio. Mr. Hoyt reviewed the achievements of the McKinley adminstration, and, then to illustrate the intensely human side of the President he told the following stories of McKinley's career:

"At the time of the Boxer Rebellion, when the diplomatic representatives of other nations were in danger, and military forces were being sent by all the leading countries to suppress the rebellion and rescue their diplomatists, and our own troops were in transit under command of General Chaffee, McKinley was taking a needed rest at his home in Canton, O. The long distance telephone was situated between two windows running to the floor of the room. Under one of them, and projecting from the foundation of the house, was a faucet to which his gardener was in the habit of connecting a hose with which to water the lawn. One morning the President was called to the long distance telephone by his two great secretaries, Hay and Root. A message had been received in Washington from the Czar of all the Russias and the Emperor of Germany, requesting that the president of the United States should place American soldiers under the command of Count Waldersee, the German general, in order to insure harmony of action on the part of the allied armies. It was a momentous dispatch, and serious results might depend upon its proper and intelligent answer.

"There was some paving going on in the street opposite the house, and as the day was warm, the workmen became thirsty, so one of their number was sent for water. He naturally thought and thought only of going to the house of the president, as he was sure of considerate and generous treatment there. So while the chief executive of this nation was consulting with his secretaries concerning this important matter over the telephone, John walked up, hung his pail on the faucet and turned on the water. The water running into the pail made a great deal of noise and disturbed the president, the windows being open. He asked his secretaries to wait a moment, and then leaning forward and looking out of the window said:

"'John, that water running in the pail makes a very disturbing noise, and I am busy talking over the long distance telephone. Please turn it off for a few moments.'

"'All right, Major,' replied John, and turning off the water, he filled his pipe and lighted it, and then sitting down with his back to the house, listened to the conversation which the president was carrying on.

"Here was the ruler of a hundred millions of people engaged in the transaction of most important and serious public business, and there was a common laborer, intruding himself into the transaction; but McKinley was not impatient, nor did he resent, as almost any other man would, this interference. He dictated to his secretaries over the telephone that famous and 'McKinleyesque' reply, consenting that the American troops should be placed under the command of the German general on the condition that this government at any time reserved the right to revoke the permission, provided the policy of the army so commanded ran in any way counter to the ideas of the United States. An admirable reply, the wisdom of which was quickly approved by the public when they learned of it. Having dictated this important dispatch, the president hung up the receiver, but he did not forget John.

"'John,' he said, 'I am through now, and you can turn on the water again.'

"John did so, and then leaning on the window sill, said:

"'Major,' (because all the laboring men in Canton called him by that familiar title) 'Major, I hope you are going to settle that Chinese question all right, ain't you?'

"'I hope so, John,' said the great executive.

"'Well, Major,' replied John, 'you don't need to be too dern yielding, for all of us boys are behind you.'

"'Thank you, John,' said the great President, and the incident was closed.

"And here is another story showing his wisdom, sympathy and infinite tact.

"At the close of the Spanish war, you will remember there was much criticism, most of it unjust, of the War Department. Mr. Alger was Secretary of War. The criticism grew so strong at last the President wisely appointed a commission to investigate and report. Just before Thanksgiving of that year, the governors of the different states, as well as the President of the United States, issued Thanksgiving proclamations. The governor of one of the territories, appointed by McKinley, in his proclamation, announced that one of the main reasons for Thanksgiving that year was that the President had at last been forced by public opinion to appoint a commission to investigate the War Department, that its incompetence would at last be shown up, and that the rascals would be exposed and punished. This remarkably unwise and rambunctious proclamation was published in the Washington papers on the cabinet day preceding Thanksgiving. The members of the President's cabinet, who had read the papers before going ot the cabinet meeting, were very much disturbed. They knew that the Secretary of War, chafing as he was under the very unjust criticism of his faithful and earnest administration of the War Department, would probably insist on one of two things: Either that this governor should be summarily removed, or that his resignation as Secretary of War should be immediately accepted. In the one case they feared that by such removal the people might think that the President was intending to suppress or cover up the investigation; in the other case, that the people would get the notion that the Secretary, fearing the outcome, had left his post under fire, and in either case the result would be unfortunate for the President and the administration. So they attended the cabinet meeting that day with feelings of foreboding.

"After the regular business of the cabinet had been transacted, the Secretary of War with a voice trembling with anger and emotion, said:

"'Mr. President, one of two things must happen, sir. Either an appointee of yours must immediately have his official head taken off at the shoulders, or my resignation as your Secretary of War must be accepted.'

"'Why, Mr. Secretary,' said the President, 'what is the occasion of this unusual demand.'

"The Secretary took a paper out of his pocket and handed it to the President for perusal, this unfortunate proclamation. McKinley read it, and then said in that marvelously sympathetic voice of his:

"'This is too bad. How could the governor be so unjust and thoughtless. But, Mr. Secretary, on reading over this proclamation I find he does not mention your name. Perhaps he does not mean you. Perhaps he means me. I am the commander-in-chief of the army of the United States. If there has been incompetence in the management of the War Department, or any dishonesty, I am responsible to the people of the United States for it. Perhaps the governor does not mean you, Mr. Secretary, but means me.'

"'All the more reason, then,' replied Mr. Alger, 'why his official head should come off.'

"'Well,' said McKinley, 'Mr. Secretary, you may leave this paper with me, and I will carefully examine this proclamation, and, if, after reading it, I reach the conclusion that he means you, I will promptly remove him.'

"'Thank you, Mr. President,' said the Secretary. 'That is all I could ask.'

"'But would you not like to know,' said McKinley softly, 'what I propose to do if, after reading this proclamation, I reach the conclusion that the governor did not mean you, but means me?'

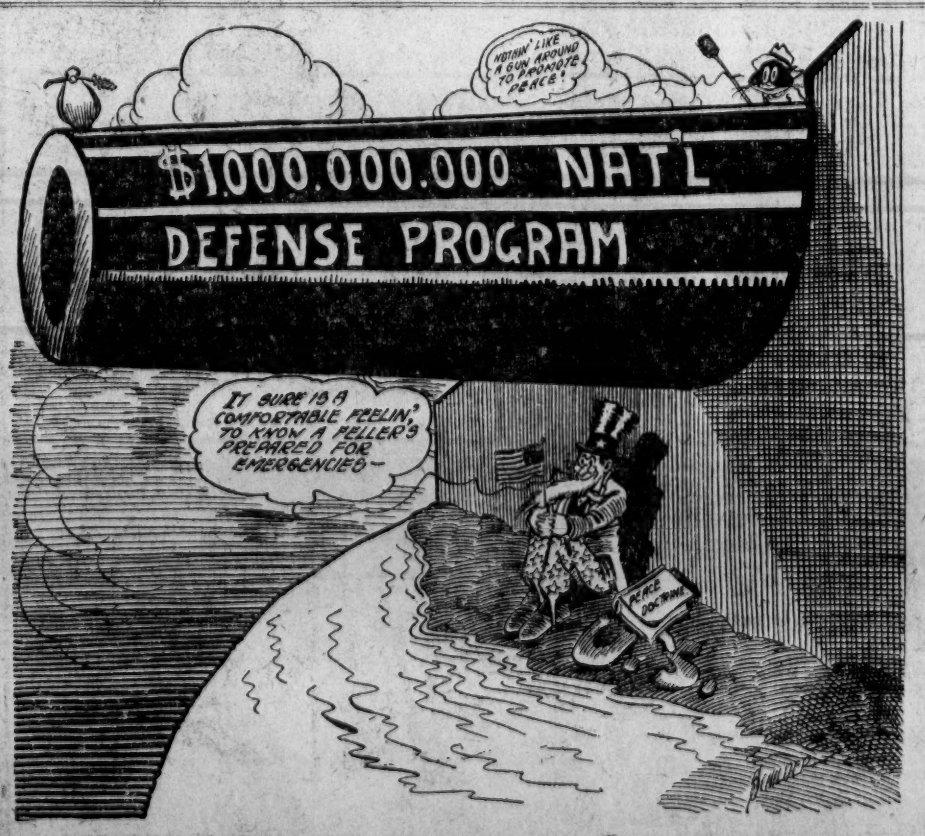
"'Well,' said McKinley, and

"'His words were shed softer
Than leaves from the pine;'
and they fell on those present,
"'—as snows on the brine,
Which mingle their softness and quiet in one
With the shaggy unrest they float down upon.'

"'Well,' said McKinley, 'if, after careful examination, I find that in this ill-considered and unwise proclamation, he does not mean you, but means me, I am going to forgive him.'

"Tears came into the Secretary's eyes, and reaching his hand forward, he said:

"'Mr. President, please return that paper to me. This matter is forever closed and forgotten.'"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Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 4.—Twelve months ago Charlotte invited the Baptist State Convention to hold its 1915 session in the Queen City. The invitation was accepted and in the meantime the membership of the six Baptist church of this city have looked forward to the gathering of the Baptist host. The day is almost here. Monday will mark the arrival of the advance guard—those who come to attend the ninth annual session of the Conference of North Carolina Baptist pastors—a preliminary gathering.

In the meantime the various committees, the committee on hospitality, with Captain T. S. Franklin, as chairman; the committee on finance with Mr. J. P. Hackney chairman and the general committe, Mr. J. A. Durham, chairman, have been actively at work and the last few days have been marked with the expentditure of much energy? The arrangements are complete and everything is ready.

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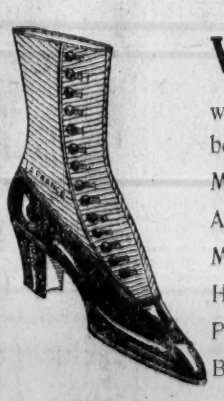

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Natives More Civil and Disinclined to Revolt.

New Contingents of Moor Troops Each Month Join the Armies in France. Much Interest is Manifested in the War.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Fez, Morocco, Nov. 20.—The trip from the Atlantic coast to Fez, that people talked of ten years ago with about the same apprehension as of an Arctic expedition, is today an agreeable and restful excursion, according to members of a French delegation who came here from Rabat on an official mission to the court of Sultan Moulay Youssef. Even the Berberes who revolted last November and were taught a severe lesson by the French troops at Khenifa, come down from their mountain retreats now only to sell their mutton and are as gentle as their beasts. They saluted the delegation with great respect. The street arabs of Fez, who in other days amused themselves by spitting at visiting foreigners, hastened up to carry the luggage of the delegation and show the way into the town.

Fez, in these war times, is a town of majestic tranquility; the surrounding region is as calm as the New England hills; the war seems hopelessly distant to the Moors, though at the palace its developments are followed with almost as much interest as in the capitals of Europe.

The Sultan, after his daily siesta, has the western dispatches brought in and listens with sustained interest to explanations of any modifications in the situation, though with less interest perhaps than that with which Si Guebbas, the grand vizier, who was educated in England, follows the progress of events by the aid of large maps of the theatres of operations suspended on the mosaic walls of his reception salons. He discusses the progress of the campaigns in the different scenes with surprising comprehension of military strategy and without once betraying conscienceness that Tangier was the first step, with Casa Blanca and Agadir as the first relay posts, in the European conflagration. His sympathies are openly with the French, and for the moment at least are those of most of the influential chiefs. The basis of that loyalty is found in the reasoning of Si Mohamed, a notability of Fez, who took active part in the revolution that cost Abdel Aziz his throne and nearly cost Si Mohamed his own head.

"When I was young," said Si Mohamed, "I was of a most ardent nature, and what I could not accomplish through politics I was apt to try with gunpowder. Years have calmed me and though I, like my compatriots, was much incited against the French when they installed themselves in the country, I said to myself: 'What folly to enter into conflict with so strong a people. We shall certainly be vanquished. Better be their friends than their enemies'." Si Mohamed's reasoning was the Moroccan situation in a nutshell.

Such lingering tendencies to revolt as existed at the beginning of the war were quickly suppressed. Very shortly after hostilities began a Moor arrived at Mogador and asked for the German consul. He was informed that all the German officials and German colonists had been expelled from Morocco. He seemed so strongly put out at this information that the French authorities arrested him. They found on him a message to the German consul from the pretendant, El Hiba, reading as follows:

"As was agreed with you, we are ready to march against the French; we are awaiting only for you to complete the delivery of the arms as you promised."

From that day the natives, who had previously been under German protection under the treaty concerning the Moroccan protectorate, were closely watched. All the chiefs were called in by the heads of municipalities and given to understand that they were henceforth to enjoy no other protection than that of the French government, and that it would be so vigilant that they would better accept it without resistance.

The measures taken at that time had double effect; they not only repressed natives rebelliously inclined, but rejoiced a greater number of Moors who had suffered from the arrogance of their brethren who had presumed upon the protection of the German Empire, which they considered all-powerful, to indulge in all sorts of depredations on the rights and belongings of their neighbors. A great many rebels decided to go the whole way and enlist in the French army.

The Moor never does things by halves when it comes to war. An old North African saying is that "The Tunisians are feminine, the Algerians are men but the Moors are warriors." It is not allowed by the censor to say how many Moors have gone north to fight for France. Every month new contingents that have completed their training in the country are sent on to join Colonial troops in France and Belgium.

At the beginning of the war, in anticipation of possible uprisings in the interior, Governor General Lyautey was authorized by the French government to withdraw all forces and hold only the coast town, thus releasing the active army on service there for use in France. The resulting danger to French prestige decided him to maintain all the posts then held, replacing the active men by reservists, territorials and Senegalese riflemen. He succeeded in maintaining perfect order everywhere, and nowhere did French influence suffer from the withdrawal of the regular troops, while it profited immensely from the expulsion of the Germans. Not even the profusion of false news had any effect. According to one story, all Europeans were to be massacred at the end of the feast of Ramadan, according to others, the Holy War had been declared a number of times, the French had evacuated Rabat, revolution had broken out in Fez and 20,000 Berberes were besieging the town. So many of these fantastic reports were circulated and disproven than when news came that Turkey had gone to war with the Allies the Mussulman population refused to believe it; the danger there might have been in it under other circumstances was thus neutralized and when the truth of it became known officially, its effect was quite contrary to what had been anticipated in some quarters. The cadi of Casa Blanca, taking the circumstance as his text, proclaimed in the mosque in the presence of Moulay Youssef that the Sultan of Morocco was the one and only real prince of Mecca, descendant and sole heir of the prophet.

A thing that worked most effectively against German propaganda in Morocco was prosperity. While the Germans had taken a preponderating place in commerce with their beads, glassware, silks and domestic articles, they alienated the native merchants who were ruined by their competition. At the same time the Bedouins of the plains, mostly stock raisers, became definitely attached to France through the security given them from the perpetual raids of which they were victims before the French occupation. The number that learned to appreciate civilization because they found their profit in it constantly grew, and from the chief, down to the humblest tribesman, who knows now he can drive his little flock to pasture and cultivate his little crop without fear of having it taken from him, turn a deaf ear to instigators of disorder.

The Arabs of all classes have taken to the use of the telephone, the telegraph and even motor cars and other vehicles of civilization and all arts of peace with such facility as to make Morocco today begin to look like a country of culture and harmony.

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STERILIZING OF DENTAL INSTRUMENTS IS IMPORTANT

Cleanliness Should Always Be Given Primary Consideration.

(United States Health Bulletin.)

The possibility of the transmission of disease through the medium of dental instruments has probably been considered by every accupant of the dentist's chair. It constitutes one of the fears with which a patient is possessed the moment he adjusts himself for his period of treatment. Authoritative instances of the conveyance of contagion in this manner are extremely rare, its frequency not being determinable, although few will deny the possibilities of occurrences of this character.

The list of organisms which may contaminate dental instruments is formidable, but this does not mean that the diseases of which they are the causative factors necessarily ensue if they are accidentally carried into the mouth. Their presence upon dental instruments is, however, an indication of what the surgeons call poor technique. In surgery poor technique is usually attended with disastrous results, but in dentistry errors of this character may produce no ill effects. In spite of this relative freedom from danger, dentists are determined that their methods shall equal the highest standards.

Cleanliness should be the primary consideration in all dental operations. The white coat of the operator represents more than comfort; it is the symbol of neatness. The dentist who works with unclean instruments, who provides soiled linen, or who places a common drinking glass before his patient, should be judged accordingly. Fortunately the members of the profession who do these things are criticised and suffer from loss of patronage, so that there is a strong tendency on the part of dentists to maintain their surroundings above reproach. With the sterilization of instruments some carelessness may manifest itself, partly owing to the fact that many instruments are injured by such processes are too complicated to be treated in this manner, or that the public is not competent to detect errors of technique. However, the public is rapidly learning the value of aseptic methods and the proper equipment is now found in nearly all dental offices.

Thorough studies of the sterilization procress have recently been made for dentists by the United States Public Health Service, at the request of various dental associations throughout the country, and in a recent publication of that service detailed information will be found as to the accepted methods for the sterilization of all dental instruments.

GREENE FARMER OUTWITTED.

Negro Bought Booze, Returned, Snatched Purse and Fled—No Arrest.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 2.—A Greene county farmer, E. F. Butts, was the victim of a snatch thief today in tobacco town. He had sold his tobacco, spent some of his money and was ready to get off homewards when a negro accosted him with an offer to liquidate a certain dryness supposed to be awfully prevalent in get-it-on-thesly territory. This offer and appeal for a little cash in return therefor on delivery of the goods, struck a responsive ear in the Greene farmer and without the formality of legal proceedure in making contracts, it was soon a "party of the first part" and also of "the second part," the cosideration and details being mutually understood and agreeable. The negro disappeared. The Greene farmer waited, but waited not in vain for the negro soon was "Johnny on the spot" and with the goods, too. The transfer was duly made, and when the Greene farmer pulled a plethoric purse, the desire for possession was superior to pursuit, so the purse was quickly and deftly snatched from the Greene farmer's hands and then began a Marathon, the negro fleeing and the Greene farmer pursuing. But the race was to the swift and the Greene farmer, outwinded, outrun and outdone, began a retreat with police headquarters as his objective. But it was no good. The negro and purse are still in the land of the unknown and police help has failed to solve the problem of how to reunite a man and his money when a fleet negro and a little moonshine are the disturbing elements. And also doeth the doors of the prison abyss yawn in vain for the negro that enters not escorted by guardians of the law, for whence he came and whither he goeth, they know not and the Greene farmer can enlighten them not on the selfsame point.

W. M. JOHNSON IS NATIONAL CHAMPION IN TENNIS SINGLES

New York, Dec. 4.—William M. Johnson, of San Francisco, was placed at the top of the national tennis ranking list for the season in singles and paired with Clarence J. Griffin, of San Francisco, at the top of the doubles in the report officially issued today by the committee of the United States national lawn tennis association. The findings were made by F. C. Inman, L. Pate and William M. Hall. Miss Molla Bjurstedt, of Norway, headed the list of women players.

MUCH OF MANCHURIA IS IN PROHIBITION RANKS

Vodka Driven from Trains of Trans-Siberian Railway.

Railway Now Used Primarily as Route for War Supplies and Enforcement of No-Liquor Regulation Considered Vital.

Harbin, Manchuria, Nov. 30.—Russia's banishment of liquor has driven vodka from the trains and stations of the Trans-Siberian Railway and in consequence has particularly put much of Manchuria into the prohibition ranks. Being the chief artery of business, the Russian railway is the center of most activities in Central and Northern Manchuria. In many of the smaller places the railway station cafe and bar are the only social center. Before the war vodka was sold at all stations and in the dining cars. Now the patrons of the railway refreshment stands must confine their drinking to non-alcoholic beverages.

At present the railway is used primarily as a route for war supplies and troops, and the successful enforcement of the no-liquor regulation is of such vital importance that Russian officials are very alert. Vodka is smuggled occasionally into railway property notwithstanding all precautions but railway employes, passengers and troops in transit across Manchuria have little opportunity to obtain it. The military is so completely in charge of the railway property that liquor smugglers soon come to grief.

Absolute sobriety on the part of railway employes is vital at this time when every moment's delay is serious to the Russian army. The dispatching of munition and troop trains on a single-track line requires the greatest care. Sending these trains from Vladivostok to Moscow, is much more difficult than it would be to send them from European Russia to Vladivostok. During the Russo-Japanese war the railway was equipped for rush service eastward. Consequently the switches and sidings are more convenient for trains bound for the Pacific coast.

Passengers riding on the Trans-Siberian line are never permitted to forget the railway is a strategic line. Before a train crosses a bridge soldiers enter the cars, throw open the doors of compartments, make sure there are no windows open, and then signal the train to proceed. At the opposite end of the bridge the soldiers leave the train. No opportunity is afforded Russia's enemies to throw dynamite or other explosives which might wreck one of the bridges now so essential to the Russian army.

Sturdy Russian soldiers, already equipped with high fur caps and sheepskin coats, stand guard even at the most remote prairie stations. Every mile of the line is under heavy patrol and there is little opportunity for persons not supplied with proper credentials to encroach upon military property.

Passports of neutrals entering Russian territory at this time must bear an oath, certified to before a diplomatic or consular agent of the country to which the bearer belongs, to the effect that he was born in that country and is not a naturalized citizen. This certification is necessary before a Russian legation or consulate will stamp a passport for travel in Russia. When a train enters Russian territory the conductor collects passports along with tickets and these are scrutinized carefully and retained until the Russian officials are satisfied as to the identity of the bearer.

Every guest entering a Russian hotel is also required to turn over his passport when he registers. This is sent by the innkeeper to the police officials, who hold hotel keepers responsible for their guests. The police stamp satisfactory passports and return them to the hotels where the bearers live. Guests are immediately advised in Russian towns that they must not be away from their lodgings after midnight and persons found wandering about after that hour are subject to arrest.

As troops are in training at many points along the Trans-Siberian line and thousands of new recruits are constantly moving westward from Vladivostok, Harbin and other points in the east, the no-liquor provision was very essential to proper morale. Frequently it requires 30 days for a troop train to move the length of the Trans-Siberian line. Trains are delayed for hours at sidings, waiting for the passage of rush shipments of ammunition. Time hangs heavily on the hands of recruits packed into freight cars. Hungry soldiers besiege the refreshment places in the Manchurian stations, and if liquor were available trouble would doubtless follow.

Under liquor the Russian privates are extremely brutal. The Associated Press correspondent saw one group of five soldiers in their cups. All wore the gray-green blouses and caps of the Russian service. One of the men, who seemed somewhat worse for liquor than his comrades, said something which offended the rest of the group. One of the men knocked him down. The others jumped upon his body with their heavy cowhide boots and kicked him in the face. An old woman rushed to the assistance of the bleeding and bruised soldier. She pushed his assailants away and protested loudly as she helped the stunned man to his feet and led him away. The four men followed, but were frightened away by a threat of the woman to report the assault to an officer.

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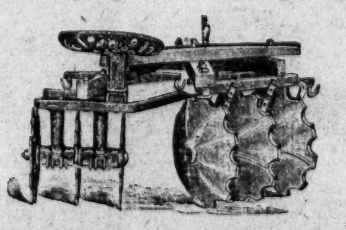

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Wilmingtonians of artistic and literary taste will await with keen interest the coming of the Kleine-Edi[son] ma[s]terpiece "Vanity Fair," in which Mrs. Fiske is starred. This production is booked for presentation at the Victoria theatre for one day only, next Saturday.

Never before has the Kleine-Edison Feature Company attempted anything so elaborate or lengthy, seven great reels, seven thousand feet of film being full of the perfect picturization of the great Trackeray classic. The interiors, exteriors, great casts of people and the engagement of Mrs. Fiske herself is ample evidence of the painstaking care and heavy cost represented in this remarkable attraction.

Needless to say a production of sufficient size to warrant the engagement of Mrs. Fiske is no ordinary film. More than four hundred people were employed in many of the big scenes, notably the one whic hportrays Lady Richardson's ball in Brussels. This scene in itself, the largest ever incorporated in a motion picture is elaborate enough to stamp "Vanity Fair" as an extraordinary production.

In filming the great classic no effort was made to follow the incidents and details of the devious plot of Thackeray's novel. The bare outline with the principal characters of the drama are enough to charge seven reels of film and snap and action. It is one of the genuine film masterpieces of the last two years and will undoubtedly prove immensely popular.

For this costly production, the prices will be fifteen cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

"September Morn."

The new musical play with the airy, topical title "September Morn" offers a cute, lively story that fairly convulses the audiences as every bit of crisp, witty dialogue and laughable situation is presented—and one finds his or herself humming or whistling the jingly tunes after the catchy music is reeled off by the harmonious voices of the augmented chorus and feature songs of the principals. The story goes with a hurrah as Rudolph Plastric, a would-be-artist, who claims to have painted the celebrated Chaba's picture called "September Morn" (but in reality cannot paint the side of a barn and do it well), continues to get himself in tight places. Carl George, as comedian of real, entertaining methods, has the role of Rudolph, and his antics go with a scream. An actress claims to be the original modal of the popular picture and she instructs her publicity promoter to boost her as the real "September Morn" who was not afraid to bathe in the open. The dodging of Rudolph and the actress, both knowing they are imposters, creates no end of jovial line and situation. A bluff army officer also gets mixed up in the affairs of the lady thespian, in fact, falls in love with her only to find that she is his wife's dearest friend—this and the innumerable other complications keep those in front of the footlights convulsed with genuine laughter and at intervals the big musical numbers are introduced by a bevy of dancing experts who are seen in the latest modern dances, Shark-Wish dips and the famous Hesitation waltzes, which are decidedl ypopular at this period. The company numbers fifty and is composed of many well-known musical comedy artists who come to Academ yof Music matinee and night on next Saturday with the organization from a long and successful run at the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago. The matinee prices run from 50 cents to $1, and the night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. The advance ticket sale will open at Plummer's Thursday morning.

"The Chorus Lady"—Royal

"The Chorus Lady," James Forbe's amusing and dramatic play, which has been a sensation of the American stage for years, and has been presented in practically every country in the civilized world, has been picturized with an all-star cast by the Jesse L. Lasky company, and will be presented at the Royal tomorrow on the Paramount program.

An especially selected all-star cast was secured to present this splendid comedy. Cleo Ridgely, the well-known star, who has appeared in "Stolen Goods," "The Secret Sin" and "The Marriage of Kitty," was decided upon as the proper artist to portray the character of "The Chorus Lady." Majorie Daw, the clever 14-year old portege of Geraldine Farrar, who scored such a success with Charlotte Walker will be seen as the younger and stage-struck sister. Wallace Reid holds up the principal male role.

The wonderful charm and mystery of "behinds the scene" is said to cast a spell over the entire five reels of thrilling action, and it will prove especially appealing to those who witnessed "The Chorus Lady" when it was presented on the stage in Wilmington.

"Shoo Fly" at Grand.

Did you see that great episode of the "Bloom Center" comedies at the Grand one day last week? Well, the second great two-reel comedy scream in this series, comes to the Grand Monday entitled "Shoo Fly."

"Shoo Fly" is an unadulterated laugh maker—a whole-souled comedy that will tickle the ribs of the most confirmed grouch. It's a new kind of comedy—no slap stick, but just good, natural comedy situations in the hands of a well-selected cast of Selig comedians.

Popular Augusta Anderson heads a strong cast in a great single reel Biograph drama, "The Rose and the Author," a heart interest drama with a punch in every scere.

Then there's another one of those great Kalem "Ham and Bud" screams, the biggest yet, entitled "The Liberty Park." Don't miss tomorrow's big bill at the Grand, whatever you do.

Mary Fuller at the Bijou.

You who saw sweet Mary Fuller—"Our Mary"—in "Under Southern Skies" at the Royal last Friday know what kind of great photoplays she is starring in now. You've seen her in a hundred or more characterizations, but you never saw her more charming that in "Lil' Nor'Wester," a great, throbbing, three-reel drama of the East Coast shores, on Monday's bill at the Bijou.

Imagine Mary in a big sou-wester and rubber hip boots, with three men in love with her—well, there'll be more than that many admiring her after they see this great masterpicture. She is some actor, and one of the most popular of all the Bijou family. And don't forget, she is supported in this great big masterpiece by Paul Panzer and Glen White, two of Universal's new acquisitions who are making good with a vengeance.

"A Looney Love Affair" is positively the greatest Nestor scream in a year, it is simply a whale, and will not let you stop laughing from the first to the last flash. It stars pretty Billie Rhodes, with dashing Ray Gallagher, who is making even a greater hit with lovely Billie than did either Neal Burns or Lee Moran. You'll all be "looney" about her after you see her Monday at the Bijou.

"September Morn" Company That Will Be Seen Here Saturday Matinee and Night.

EDISON'S "VANITY FAIR"

Mrs. Fiske as "Becky" and Helen Fulton as "Amelia" in the Pretentious Seven-Reel Filmization of Trackeray's "Vanity Fair," Victoria Saturday.

FAIR AT LUMBERTON WAS FINE SUCCESS

Many First Monday Meetings Tomorrow.

Busy in Official Circles—An Interesting Conference Reminiscence—Hog Raising Being Promoted. Business Changes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 4.—Monday will be a busy day here with court and other county officials. A two weeks' term of Superior Court with Judge Whedbee presiding will convene and the county commissioners and other county boards will be in session. Among other things claiming the attention of the commissioners will be the letting of the annual printing which is generally awarded the first Monday in December.

The Poultry, Live Stock and Farm Products Exhibit which began Thursday and closed today, was a grand success far beyond the expectations of the promoters. No finer chickens could be seen at any fair, and few people in this section had any idea that so many fowls of such fine strains were grown in the county. But the whole exhibit was a most creditable one and was only the beginning of what is going to create renewed interest in the poultry and live stock business in this county.

The present session of the North Carolina Conference in Wilmington brings to mind the fact that the writer spent Sunday in Wilmington when the Conference was held there in old Front Street church in 1883, Bishop Parker, presiding. Among those who attended from here was a party of seven ladies who were in attendance most of the session. Some of them, if not all, were present when Rev. W. B. North, now the much loved pastor of the Lumberton Methodist church, was ordained. Six of the seven are still living while the seventh died less than two years ago, her funeral being preached by Dr. North. One of the ladies who was there 32 years ago, is attending the present Conference. The gentleman who went with the writer to Wilmington that Sunday morning 32 years ago then resided in another town, but is one of our nearest neighbors now.

One of the most interesting sights your correspondent has witnessed in some time was seen yesterday morning when 125 pigs were driven from the railroad yard to Mr. Howard Morrison's barn. The ages ranged from 10 weeks to six months and were fine blooded stock. The day of the "piney woods rooter" has passed in this section, the farmers having learned that it pays only to raise good stock.

Mr. H. H. Anderson has just completed a new brick garage on his lot, corner of First and Chestnut streets, and leased it to George Smith, the colored auto liveryman who has already moved in. Mr. Anderson is also completing another brick building on Second street between Elm and Chestnut which will be occupied by Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield, broker. Mr. Whitfield will move into the new building within the next few days.

A farmer brought to the exhibit Thursday a load of perfectly white turkeys, 31 in number, which attracted much attention. A portion of them were offered at 18 cents per pound but all of them were not for sale at any price. Among them was a hen of the partridge cochin variety said to be nine years old.

Eggs are unusually scarce for the time of year, and what few could be found yesterday were selling at 35 cents.

"Within the Law," will be the attraction at the opera house Monday night, and not in some time has a show been here with such good reports from other towns where it has shown. A few people here who have seen it at other points speak in the highest terms of the attraction. There will be only one more show here this year.

After hearing the matter discussed by several parties it seems to be very plain that the citizens of Lumberton stand squarely with the graded school trustees in their determination to uphold the school faculty in enforcing rules. All must agree that a school without discipline would be the biggest kind of farce. The Lumberton Graded School has the best faculty it has ever had and the citizens are going to stand for discipline, regardless of what a few "smart" students think.

It seems to be an assured fact that no fireworks will be offered for sale here during the holidays as the town tax is more than dealers would care to invest. Investigation of the report that the cotton mills stores would handle fireworks, reveals the fact that these stores not only will not handle fireworks, but at no time do they handle any kind but safety matches.

The heaviest frost of the season was seen here this morning. Ice was also plentiful, and in many places pumps and waterworks were frozen.

Mr. A. V. G. Wishart is now manager of the Gulf Oil Company's business at this place, Mr. Dennis Biggs having given it up on account of his other business requiring all his time.

Mr. W. L. Phillips, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of this section, died Monday evening. Mr. Phillips was 83 years old the 21st of October. He spent his life within two miles of where he was born, and was one of the best men that ever resided in this section. He was a veteran of the War Between the States. From early life he was a faithful member of the Baptist church to which he was greatly devoted.

The marriage of Mr. E. M. Johnson, of Lumberton, and Miss Tessie Lynk, of Buie's Creek, has been announced to take place December 21st. Mr. Johnson is the popular junior member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson and numbers his friends by the list of his acquaintances. The bride-to-be formerly taught in this county and has many friends in this section. Lumberton will extend to her a most cordial welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Caldwell have begun keeping house in the home occupied by Mr. Caldwell's parents before moving into their elegant new home.——Mr. F. F. Hayes has opened a grocery business in the Caldwell store, formerly occupied by Mr. J. A. Branch, corner of Second and Elm streets.

In the recorder's court recently a number of defendants were let off upon payment of costs and a promise of good behavior. Yesterday one of them came to town, must have used the quart, and proceeded to call attention to the fact that he carried a bad looking automatic pistol. Chief Redfern showed him the way to the lock-up.

Last night about 9:30 the people on Front street were given an exhibition of fast automobile running. No one in the street could tell where the car came from or where it was going, as it simply flew by. Those who saw it thought that they could observe a few young men in the car. To say the least it was a dangerous ride, not only to people on the street but to the riders as well.

Mr. Daniel F. McNeill, the liveryman, has added an automobile to his equipment, thus putting himself in position to handle traveling people much quicker.

Mr. Henry Haar, of Wilmington, arrived this week and is now a salesman with the Lumberton Bargain House.

Mr. George Belk, of Bellamy, who has been residing in Canton, Ohio, for the past two years, is visiting relatives here.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS

Fine Work Accomplished During November in Chapel Hill Section.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, Dec. 3.—If every community in North Carolina has been as active, interested, enthusiastic, and earnest, in the moonlight school work as Chapel Hill and vicinity, it would not be long before every North Carolinian would have cause to feel proud when he glanced down the percentage column of illiteracy of the different states. The good work has been done around Chapel Hill through the Y. M. C. A. of the University.

Five schools were conducted throughout November, three nights in the week. There was a total enrollment at these schools of 263, with an average attendance of 160. Of this number 16 were illiterates.

Courses were given in reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, history, and civil government. Lantern slides on health subjects, such as tuberculosis, the care of the eye, ear, nose and throat were shown, as well as one on the life of Christ.

Over 60 of the students of the University participated in the work of teaching at the schools which were located at distances of from two and one-half to five miles in the country. The town people aided greatly by carrying the students to these schools in automobiles. The community club of Chapel Hill furnished lamps for the schools and agreed to defray the expenses of automobiles when it was necessary to hire them.

Of the 16 illiterates, 12 were taught to read and write to some extent. Five of them are now able to write fairly well, and one is quite a proficient reader, considering his opportunities. One lady, 55 years of age, was able to write a letter to her son ,to whom she had only dictated letters in the past.

CHADBOURN HIGHS WIN

Chadbourn, N. C., Dec. 3.—Ine one of the prettiest played games ever seen on the local gridiron, the local High school football team defeated the Whiteville High school team by the score of 13 to 0. In the last of the first quarter, Benton with beautiful broken field running made 45 yards for the locals' first score. In the fourth quarter Captain Hand smashed over left guard for 11 yards for a second touchdown. McKenzie kicked goal.

The entire local team starred, while Grady, Schulken and A. Smith starred for Whiteville. The score.

Chadbourn	6	0	0	7	—13
Whiteville	0	0	0	0	— 0

Touchdowns: Benton 1, Hand 1. Goal from touchdowns, McKenzie 1. Substitutions: Whiteville, Thompson for Walters. Officials: Referee, Justice, Trinity. Umpire, Shelton, U. N. C. Field judge, Lumsden, Georgia. Timekeeper, Carson and Carter.

Tax Notice

I will be at No. 8 Market street, Wilmington, N. C., on December 11th, from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M., for the purpose of collecting State and County Taxes for Brunswick County.

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Christmas Customs and their Origin

The Famous Yule Log of England - A Custom which has Survived for Centuries From an Old Print

The Christmas Tree is of German Origin- Print of the 18th Century

Christmas Carol by Children in England An Old English Custom - From an Old Print

How Our Christmas Customs Came About - Their Curious Mixture of Paganism and Religion.

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THE origin of Christmas and by whom it was celebrated is to a certain extent shrouded in mystery, and it is by no means certain that December the twenty-fifth is the correct anniversary of the nativity of Christ. This uncertainty is due to the fact that in the early days the celebration of birthdays was regarded as heathenish, but after the triumph of Christianity the prejudice died out and the date of the Saviour's birth became a matter of ecclesiastical investigation. It is recorded that Pope Julius had St. Cyril make strict inquiry as to the date, when it was learned that a number of varying days were kept in different sections. These included January the sixth, which was kept as a joint commemoration of the Nativity and Baptism of the Redeemer. March twenty-ninth, April twentieth, May twentieth and September twenty-ninth were respectively accepted in different places. Pope Julius finally decided on December the twenty-fifth as the correct date, and the first mention of its celebration as the birthday of Christ occurs in a Roman document known as the Philocalian Calendar, dating from the year 354. It is the opinion of several Church historians that this day was set apart because it was the date of the Winter solstice—the day on which for centuries before the Christian Era pagan Europe had held its chief festival.

Some of our present day Christmas customs are the evolution of a mixture of the Roman Saturnalia and Druid rites, with a smattering of ceremonies practiced by the ancient Germans and Scandinavians—a strange medley of the Christian and pagan which go to make up the festivities of the modern Christmas.

The Yule Log.

The Yule log, so famous in the English Christmas celebration, is of Scandinavian origin, and is the modern idea of the huge fire kindled at the feast of Juul at the winter solstice in honor of their god Thor. In the days of feudal lords of England the ceremony of bringing in the huge, gnarled oak was carried out with great ceremony. Men went into the woods and hauled it in, singing carols as they dragged it through the wood. When they reached the entrance to the great hall a quartette of minstrels hailed it with music. Early the next morning it was lighted and if it burned well it was, and is still, regarded as an omen that prosperity will reign over the family during the coming year. In rural France and among the southern Slavs the Yule log is one of the solemn ceremonies of Christmas. In these countries, especially among the Slavs, the log is believed to possess the same magical properties as it did in the pagan days.

Decorations With Evergreen.

The custom of decorating our houses and churches with evergreen at Christmas comes from the old Roman feasts, especially the Saturnalia, when all Roman houses were turned into "bowers of green"—another evidence of the anxiety of the Church to please their heathen converts by permitting the harmless elements of the pagan feasts to become a part of the celebration of the Nativity. All sorts of trees and shrubs were used by the Romans but gradually it became the custom of Christians to use only the evergreen and to look upon it as the symbol of eternal life. Then these plants took on certain religious meanings until every branch of Christmas decoration has some significance peculiar to the day. The holly with its red berries is the modern Burning Bush, the Holy Mother and the Holy Child. This shrub is really an evolution in plant life from a branch and being nurtured by no parent stock. The custom of hanging mistletoe over the doorway or to the chandeliers, which often carries with it the osculatory privileges, is clearly a relic of paganism.

The Christmas Tree.

The most widespread and most delightful of all festal institutions is the Christmas tree. While many countries have their legends claiming for them the honor of having given the Christmas tree to the world, the majority of authorities on the subject are of the opinion that Germany is responsible for this never ending joy to the child and that it is probably a remnant of the splendid dancing pageants of the Middle Ages. There is a pretty legend which ascribes its origin to Martin Luther and tells how after wandering about through a pine forest on Christmas eve he conceived the idea of setting up a pine tree in his home to represent the Tree of Life and decorating it with candles as an image of the starry heavens from which Christ came down. The first historical mention of the Christmas tree is found in the notes of a certain Strasburg citizen of unknown name, written in the year 1605. "At Christmas," he writes, "they set up fir trees in the parlours at Strasburg and hang thereon roses cut out of many coloured paper, apples, wafers and sweets."

However, in an account of Christmas customs written in 1737 by a German student, he speaks of the candles which illuminated the tree. Here again we must go back to the pagan days in Norway when the Yule candle was burned for the god Thor at the winter solstice. Later, when these people began to celebrate the Nativity the candles were burned as of old, but called the Candles of Purification. Quite recently there has been a revival of the Christmas candle custom, and today it is no uncommon sight to see the windows of houses lighted by them on Christmas night. The fashion of sending bayberry candles is in vogue, and this year thousands of these olive green candles will be sent out as gifts. They are made from a berry which grows on the Atlantic Coast from Masachusetts to the Carolinas and have a delicate odor, burning without making ridges of wax down the sides. A bayberry candle is said to protect its owner from all harm if it is lighted on Christmas. As the legend runs, its incense will be wafted through the air to friends in distant lands and thus their thoughts will turn to the far away owner of the Purification Candle.

Carols.

Amid so many popular customs at Christmas there is none more charming than that of the Christmas carols which celebrate in joyous yet devout strains the Nativity of the Saviour. The word is derived from the Latin cantare—to sing, and rola—an exclamation of joy. The practice appears to be as old as the celebration of Christmas itself as Church history shows records of how the bishops were accustomed to sing carols on Christmas Day, also that in the early days the shepherds left their flocks and came to Rome to sing and play on musical instruments before the shrines and churches. During the fifteenth century the carol was at the height of its popularity as just about that time a number of beautiful Christmas hymns were written. In Germany the people always went to the balconies or tops of the churches and chanted their carols—a custom still carried out in some of the smaller towns of Germany. In many countries the carol singing is done by children who go from house to house with a Christmas greeting.

The Christmas Card.

The Christmas card is of comparatively recent origin and seems to be one of those new methods of remembering friends without going to very much trouble or expense to do so. The Christmas card is a legitimate descendant of what was known about 1830 as "Christmas pieces." They were sheets of writing paper on which elaborate drawings were made, sometimes headed by copper plate engravings, and used by school boys to show their parents the progress made in their chirography. About 1846 a London publisher put out a number of cards decorated with tiny colored wreaths of holly with the words "A Merry Christmas" engraved under the decoration. Hundreds were sold and the Christmas card sprang into use and has been steadily growing in favor ever since. It is a sort of attenuated present.

Gifts and Feasting.

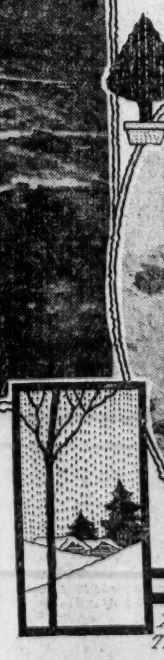
The giving of gifts originated in the days of ancient Rome when the citizens offered gifts to each other during the January Kalends, but when the Feast of the Nativity was hallowed by the Church the giving of gifts was changed to Christmas as the appropriate time for sending presents, for did not the Three Wise Men bring gifts to the Child in the Manger, and was not this Child the gift of God to the human race?

Even Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus as he is known in this country, has wandered away from his own feast day, December sixth, to please the children and help their parents to reward the good boys and girls of the land. He is the patron saint of the child and is supposed to bring sweets to the good children and rods for the bad ones. However, during the present age he seems to reward them all. His part in the Christmas festival originated in Holland several centuries ago, when he became a part of Christmas and it was the Dutch emigrant who brought him to the United States. The body of the real St. Nicholas rests in the magnificent church at Bari, Italy, and is a famous place of pilgrimage for children.

It was not strange that at that season when everyone was filled with good cheer and kindly feeling for others that the thoughts of those who had plenty should turn towards the poor and needy. So early in the days of these Christmas festivities the custom sprung up of sending gifts to those in want such gifts as would best minister to their necessities and happiness and make them feel that the true Christian spirit was abroad in the land and that the message of love and charity which Christ brought to mankind was not forgotten, and as far back a the tenth century Christmas dinners were provided for the poor—a forerunner of the feasts given to the unfortunate today

Christmas in the Trenches

Trimming the Christmas Tree



Xmas Theatricals

French Soldiers in the Trenches with their Christmas Box

A Christmas Tree in One of the German Trenches

How the Men Who Are Fighting Spend Christmas, and How for a Time the Soldiers of the Warring Nations Forget That They Are Enemies.

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PEACE on earth, good will to men," is heard all over Christendom on Christmas morning, and the spirit of charity it teaches is not without its influence even among those who may seem to hate each other.

The Christmas of 1915 will find Europe as it did in 1914—an armed camp, the only difference between the days will be that millions of killed and wounded have been offered up as a sacrifice to the lust of power during the year and yet whatever bitterness and hatred there may be among those engaged in this terrible conflict, if there is any personal bitterness or hatred, will probably be forgotten and the day celebrated as it was last year by the men themselves declaring a truce and fraternizing with each other on the ground before the trenches.

While much has been written of life in the underground dens where men have burrowed like rats into the earth to escape the guns of the enemy and yet be able to pick off this same enemy at will, these accounts show that there is little that is picturesque or romantic about trench warfare. Last winter nerve racked men lived for days in muddy ditches wondering how much longer it would last—this awful slaughter of men, this terrifying combat of long opposing lines of heavy artillery and howitzers, the shrieking of shell, the whistling of shrapnel and the tearing roar of guns, the savage efforts to take and retake trenches with always the slaughter of brave men.

Gifts For Men In The Trenches.

When there is a lull in the fighting trench life is even worse than when there is firing, for the monotony of idleness so works upon their nerves that every bush or tree becomes an imaginary enemy, the cracking of a twig, the sighing of the wind or the moan of a sleeping soldier will set their nerves ajingle. "Cheer up, boys, Christmas will soon be here and we will have all sorts of good things!" cries out one of the men as he looks at his comrade's wan face, and the two begin to talk of the coming festival as the one bright spot in the trench fighter's life.

Germans Celebrate.

Those who are acquainted with the German people know that wherever a German happens to be at Christmas he will find some way to celebrate the festival, and the German soldier in the trench is no exception, for he is already gathering in the pine branches to decorate his underground quarters. Last year, although the weather was bitter, the men managed to bring Christmas cheer into the very theatre of war by actually setting up Christmas trees in the trenches and decorating them with bright colored bands and ribbons taken from the cigars and cigarettes which had been sent to them. Every scrap of colored paper that could be found was utilized, and according to a letter from a German soldier to his mother, one tree was decorated with paper chickens made from the colored papers that had been wrapped around the candy "kisses" sent from home. Boxes of German cakes cut into grotesque figures of soldiers caused the men much merriment among the troops when they set the gingerbread men up in rows and then knocked them down with canes. Finally, they made a feast of their targets. In many places the men managed to serve regular Christmas dinners where, to use the expression of a German who spoke English, "they made pleasant with addresses and conversation."

French And English Christmases.

Along the lines of the Allies the same scenes were enacted except there were fewer Christmas trees, the British and French contenting themselves by hanging branches of evergreen about the trenches. The Christmas box was in evidence as well as the fur coat, warm mittens, mufflers and sweaters. Down in the French trenches there were several Christmas vaudeville shows. It is a well known fact that hundreds of French players are fighting in the ranks of the French army, and wherever they could be found on Christmas day they were pressed into service to do a "turn," and for a time the horrors of war were forgotten in the peals of laughter which resounded throughout the long ditch. "We had plenty to eat and a good time," wrote a Frenchman to his mother. "Your cake—well, I can't tell you how much we enjoyed it. One of the men from the old Moulin Rouge in Paris is in our regiment and he gave us a fine show. Two or three times he ran out of the trenches and waved his hat at the Germans but they did not shoot at him—in fact, they did not bother us at all. I expect they were celebrating just as we were."

In the English trenches the men were fairly overloaded with good things, and it seemed that every man had his plum pudding, muffins and jam, to say nothing of the new, warm clothing. Hundreds of cases of milk were sent by friends. An English dairy made a specialty of sending milk to the trenches for Christmas and one might send as few as half a dozen quart bottles, so even the poorest woman was able to send her son milk for Christmas.

Germans And English Fraternize.

At several points where the trenches of the Germans and English were not far apart the Germans began to talk peace and good will among themselves. "After all," they said, "our enemies are but fighting for the land they love as we are, and why should we not forget our differences and on this birthday of the Son of Man give greeting to our enemies." This feeling brought about Christmas scenes on the battlefields of Europe which seems almost incredible. A number of English war correspondents witnessed the incidents and sent reports to their respective newspapers.

After the Germans had trimmed their Christmas trees and set up lanterns they came out of their trenches bearing a flag of truce and invited the English to stop shooting and come over and celebrate Christmas. With one accord the invitation was accepted and a truce for the night arranged. Then officers and men from both sides left their trenches and met on "No Man's Land," where as a rule no man dares to show so much as the top of his head. It was decided that each side would first bury their dead, and while the English were engaged in this sad duty a party of Germans brought over the body of an English officer who had been killed in front of their trenches and deposited it reverently on the ground before some of his regiment, after which they went back to attend to the burial of their own dead. When this last tribute to comrades was completed the Germans brought out cigars and cigarettes and men who a few hours before had been shooting at each other danced around arm in arm wishing each other the compliments of the season. They even made addresses to each other on the subject of Christmas which were interpreted by a young German soldier who had lived in the United States. This particular regiment was composed of Saxons—big, merry fellows who made the English laugh at their pranks. As the day wore on the soldiers joined in a rabbit hunt, and later there was a football match which was won by the Germans. After a while they exchanged hats and finally as a compliment to the Germans the English sang "Deutschland Uber Alles," and the Germans, not to be outdone, gave a rendition of "God Save the King." After it was all over the men of both sides declared that they were agreeably surprised to find their enemies such a decent lot of fellows. Toward night the men got back into the trenches, and early on the twenty-sixth the firing began again.

French And German Meet On Common Ground.

The French and Germans, too, exchanged Christmas greetings, but it was not as general as the festivities with the English. At one place where it is said that the trenches were only about eighty yards apart the Germans asked their French opponents to declare a truce on Christmas Eve to bury the dead. The French accepted, and came out of their trenches carrying shovels. The Germans went over the line offering cigars and cigarettes with the compliments of the season. At first the French feared a surprise, but after a French corporal had shaken hands with a big German there were salutes and good wishes. Then the dead were buried and the men returned to their trenches. "For a time all was silent," wrote one of the men, "then we began to try to kill each other again, and the man who offered the first box of cigars to a French soldier fell dead beside me—but, after all, it was a bit of Christmas."

During the coming holidays it is expected that these same scenes will be repeated, and it may be that in the meetings a little prayer for the ending of the carnage may be said and that ere long the Angel of Peace may spread her white wings over the men in the trenches and make the Christmas theme of "Peace on earth, good will to men" a full reality to all the world.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON FEW POINTS HIGHER

Market Was Quiet With Fluctuations in Narrow Range—January Closing 12.39 and Spot 12.50.

New York, Dec. 4.—The cotton market was quiet today and prices fluctuated within a range of 4 or 5 points, or between 12.66 and 12.71 for March. That delivery closed at 12.69 with the general list closing steady at an advance of 3 to 6 points compared with last night's closing.

The market opened steady 1 to 7 points higher, and active months sold 5 to 7 points net higher during the early trading on covering for over the week end. This advance carried January to 12.43 while May sold at 12.91 and was evidently encouraged by the steadiness of Liverpool, a slight increase in the amount of cotton on shipboard and the reiteration of small private ginning figures. These features, however, failed to materially stimulate demand in advance of the government reports expected next week. Slight reactions followed under realizing with January selling off to 12.39 and May to 12.87. There was some Wall Street buying on a scale down and closing prices showed rallies of 2 or 3 points on the more active positions.

Rumors of ginning returns pointing to a 11 million bale crop, excluding linters, probably increased confidence in a small showing by the census report next Wednesday. The amount of cotton on shipboard awaiting clearance was 139,752 bales comparing with 126,705 last week and 301,005 last year, while increased offerings of commercial bills in the exchange market also tended to color the talk of some improvement in export demand.

Futures closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	12.40	12.43	12.39	12.39
March	12.71	12.71	12.66	12.69
May	12.90	12.92	12.87	12.90
July	12.97	12.99	12.95	12.97
October	12.57	12.54	12.51	12.57

Spot cotton steady; middling uplands 12.50; sales 25 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 12; receipts 6,331; exports 4,172; sales 975; stock 346,411.

Galveston—Middling 12.50; receipts 14,024; exports 16,364; sales 533; stock 285,383.

Mobile—Middling 11.75; receipts 252; sales 75; stock 22,733.

Savannah—Middling 12.13; receipts 5,317; sales 662; stock 207,364.

Charleston—Middling 12.00; receipts 907; stock 95,317.

Wilmington—Receipts 974; stock 46,353.

Norfolk—Middling 12.13; receipts 3,175; sales 1,629; stock 112,404.

Baltimore—Stock 4,802.

Boston—Middling 12.45; receipts 265; stock 8,200.

Philadelphia—Middling 12.75; stock 2,428.

New York—Middling 12.50; receipts 78; exports 150; sales 25; stock 304,339.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,195; exports 950; stock 43,104.

Total today—Receipts 33,518; exports 21,636; stock 1,478,828.

Total for week—Receipts 33,518; exports 21,636.

Total for season—Receipts 3,240,163; exports 1,872,404.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling .12.40; receipts 14,423; shipments 12,860; sales 3,790; stock 205,724.

Memphis—Middling 12.00; receipts 5,927; shipments 3,908; sales 1,100; stock 297,717.

Augusta—Middling 11.94; receipts 2,930; shipments 1,399; sales 1,918; stock 193,915.

St. Louis—Middling 12 1-8; receipts 3,886; shipments 4,114; stock 13,436.

Cincinnati—Receipts 1,097; shipments 1,248; stock 12,658.

Little Rock—Middling 12.00; receipts 1,378; shipments 1,322; sales 1,322; stock 37,497.

Dallas—Middling 11.80.

Montgomery—Middling 11.75; sales 31

Total today—Receipts 29,641; shipments 24,851; stock 760,947.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Dullness Prevailed in the Market. Prices Two Points Up.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—Dullness prevailed in the week-end session of the local market today, but the tone was steady and prices remained at a small net rise, closing two up. Cables were better than due and private bureau reports on ginning were bullish, which stimulated moderate buying. Offerings were restricted by the fear of a bullish census bureau report Wednesday on ginning to the end of November. A private bureau crop estimate of 11 million bales, not including linters, caused bullish comment.

Much of the trading consisted of evening-up transactions. The interior continued to report a moderately good inquiry for spots which gave the market a good undertone.

Futures closed steady. January 12.30; March 12.59; May 12.80; July 12.91; October 12.51.

Spot quiet, unchanged; sales on the spot 525; to arrive 450.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 4. — Cotton, spot, barely steady; good middling, 7.88; middling, 7.51; low middling, 7.03; sales, 8,000. Speculation and export, 800. Receipts, 19,000.

Futures, steady. December, 7.32½; December and January, 7.31; January and February, 7.30½; February and March, 7.28½; March and April, 7.26½; April and May, 7.24½; May and June, 7.22½; June and July, 7.19; July and August, 7.16; August and September, 7.01; September and October, 6.88; October and November, 6.84.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Hogs—Lower. Bulk, 6.25@6.70; light, 5.75@6.70; mixed, 6.05@6.90; heavy, 6.30@6.90; rough, 6.30@6.45; pigs, 4.00@5.60.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef steers, 5.60@10.50; cows and heifers, 2.65@8.25; calves, 6.50@10.50.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 6.00@6.50; ewes, 4.10@6.10; lambs, 7.00@9.25.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, December 4. — Mercantile paper, 2¾@3. Sterling sixty day bills, 4.66; demand, 4.7035; cables, 4.71. Bar silver, 55. Mexican dollars, 42½. Government bonds, firm. Railroad bonds, irregular.

NEW HIGH PRICES FOR WHEAT

Heavy Buying Causes Gain of 6⅛c, with December Closing at 1.16⅝ and May at 1.16⅛.

Chicago, December 4.—Highest prices yet on the 1915 crop were reached today in the wheat market here as the result of an excited advance. Buying on a huge scale, said to be partly on orders from a foreign government, swept prices upward 6⅛c. above the low point of the day. The close was buoyant at 1.16⅝ for December and 1.16⅛ for May; 2⅞@3 to 5⅛c. higher than yesterday's finish.

Corn gained ⅜c. net and oats ¼ to ⅝@½c.

In provisions, the outcome varied from 2½c. decline to a rise of 22½.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat—December, 1.16⅝; May, 1.16⅛.

Corn—December, 66¾; May, 70¼.

Oats—December, 43; May, 45⅜.

Pork—January, 18.15; May, 18.10.

Lard—January, 9.50; May, 9.77.

Ribs—January, 9.77; May, 9.97.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.17; No. 3, red, and No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 2, hard, 1.02½@1.03½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 70½; No. 4, yellow, new, 64@65½; No. 4, white, new, 63½@65.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Yuna, Capt. Carey, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kell (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, Nominal. Tar, $2.00-8c. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	1
Rosin	7
Tar	98
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 71 barrels; crude turpentine, 3 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11½c.; quotations same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—740 bales; same day last year, 1,189 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 127,622 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 70,082 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4, 1915.

Atlantic Coast Line—639 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 7 barrels rosin; 98 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—101 bales cotton.

Str. Annie B.—8 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—740 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 7 barrels rosin; 98 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market weaker. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1 machine picked, 77c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, weaker; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Heavier.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 4.)

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; Lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 4.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, first quality, 75c. per bu.; old, damaged, 40c. to 50c per bu.; new, dry and clean, 87 1-2c per bu; new, green and dirty, 50c to 75c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, Fancy Jumbo, 3¼c. per lb.; old, extra prime, 3c. per lb.; old, shelling stock, 2 1-2c per lb.; new fancy Jumbo 3¼c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3c. per lb.; new, prime, 2¾c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2½c. per lb.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 4.—Turpentine firm, 54 1-4; sales 50; receipts 323; shipments 77; stock 14,535.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,209; receipts 1,686; shipments 286; stock 71,656. Quote: A B C D E, 5.85; F G H, 5.75; to 5.90; I, 5.90; K, 6.15; M, 6.30; N, 6.50; WG, 6.75; WW, 7.00.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 4.—Cotton goods were firm and active today and yarns tended higher. Burlaps strong; linens very firm; knit goods active.

STOCKS BECOMES STRONGER

Rally in Final Half Hour Feature of Session—Italian Remittances Make New Low Record.

New York, Dec. 4.—Sudden strength in the final half hour was the marked feature of today's short session of the stock exchange. Prior to that period the list showed extreme apathy, dealings in the first hour falling to the smallest total of any day for many weeks. The belated inquiry embraced such a variety of high grade issues as to suggest something more potent than mere short covering.

Specialties constituted the sole feature of the first hour, some of those issues recording sensational gains while others were reactionary.

General Motors made the new maximum of 492 1-2 on its advance of 22 1-2 points, with gains of two to almost ten points in other war and semi-war shares, including Montana Power, Tobaccos and secondary industrials and equipments.

Coppers were a point or more above yesterday, in anticipation of favorable dividend action during the coming week. United States Steel was lethargic at the outset but hardened at the end. Bethlehem Steel opned down ten points but closed at 470, a loss of 5 points. United Fruit was weak throughout, declining 6 1-2 to 144 and South Porto Rico sugar lost six to 152.

The bank statement furnished a distinct surprise, an estimated cash gain of considerable proportions being turned into a contraction of almost $7,000,000. In general, however, the statement failed to reflect to any degree the changes or shifts of currency incidental to the expiration of November.

The feature of the market for foreign exchange was a decline in remittances to Rome and other Italian points to the lowest rates ever recorded. Demand lires were quoted at 6.56 which roughly represents a discount of 30 per cent. Marks were a trifle steadier but Austrian Exchange hung at the recent low point.

Railroad returns of the day for October included the Great Northern line with a net increase of 749,000 and the "Soo" a Canadian Pacific subsidiary, a gain of $346,000. Several minor Southern and Southwestern lines showed decided gains in gross and net.

Bonds were irregular, with a "future" sale of a small lot of Anglo-French notes at 97, the lowest open rate for this issue. Total sales par value aggregated $2,620,000. United tSates coupon 4s advanced 5-8 per cent. on call during the week.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	34
American Beet Sugar	71¼
American Can	61¾
American Car & Foundry	82
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56¼
American Locomotive	70½
American Smelting	99⅜
American Sugar	117
American Tel and Tel	128¾
American Tobacco	219
Anaconda Copper	86¾
Atchison	106¾
Atlantic Coast Line	118½
Baldwin Locomotive	114⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	93¾
Bethlehem Steel	470
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	90½
Canadian Pacific	182½
Central Leather	60⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	63¼
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	96⅛
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	19½
Consolidated Gas	143½
Crucible Steel	74
Erie	44
General Electric	175⅞
General Motors	492½
Great Northern, pfd	125½
Illinois Central	108½
Interborough Consol. Corp	22⅜
Kansas City Southern	31⅜
Lehigh Valley	82¼
Louisville and Nashville	128⅛
Liggett and Myers	248
Lorillard Co	182
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16¾
Mexican Petroleum	92¼
National Lead	65⅞
New York Central	102⅞
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	75½
Norfolk and Western	118
Northern Pacific	115¾
Pennsylvania	59
Reading	82
Rep. Iron and Steel	53
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	109⅝
Seaboard Air Line	18½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	62
Studebaker Corporation	152¾
Southern Pacific	101¼
Southern Railway	23½
Southern Railway, pfd	81¾
Tennessee Copper	57⅝
Texas Co	211½
Texas and Pacific	14⅝
Union Pacific	138
United States Rubber	52⅝
United States Steel	86¼
United States Steel, pfd	115⅞
Utah Copper	79⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	46
Western Union	87¾
Westinghouse Electric	69
Great Northern Ore	49½
Va. I. C. and C	61
Wabash B. W. I	29
Missouri Pacific	6¼
United Fruit	146

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 4. — Cotton seed oil was higher on a little western buying, inspired by the firmness in lard and light offerings generally. Final prices were 5 to 6 points higher. Sales, 2,600 barrels.

The market closed firm. Spot, 8.25 bid; December, 8.29@8.31; January, 8.31@8.33; February, 8.30@8.40; March, 8.41@8.44; April, 8.46@8.49; May, 8.52@8.55; June, 8.58@8.62; July, 8.71@8.75.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 4.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $179,810,030 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $4,167,310 from last week.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 4. — Bills discounted by Federal Reserve banks increased nearly $2,500,000 worth during the week, according to a statement of the banks' condition December 3, issued today by the Federal Reserve Board.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 5, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 33 degrees; at 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 52 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .80 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 3.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday; Monday fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 5, 1915.

Sun rises	7:02 A. M.
Sun sets	5:02 P. M.
Day's length	10 hrs. 1 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:34	8:44	3:18	2:04
Southport	6:14	6:30	11:56	12:45
Masonboro Inlet	6:02	6:19	11:36	12:25

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 4, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 3 p.m.
Abilene	clear	74	40	.0
Asheville	clear	48	30	.0
Atlanta	rain	52	36	.0
Augusta	cldy	58	34	.0
Baltimore	clear	38	..	.0
Birmingham	cldy	52	34	.01
Boston	clear	40	28	.0
Charleston pt	cldy	56	38	.0
Charlotte	clear	52	34	.0
Chicago	cldy	38	34	.0
Galveston	cldy	64	58	.14
Jaxville	clear	66	42	.0
Memphis	cldy	60	40	.0
Mobile	clear	66	40	.0
Montgomery	rain	56	30	.02
N. Orleans pt	cldy	66	48	.0
New York	clear	36	30	.0
Oklahoma	clear	62	36	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	62	50	.04
Pittsburg	cldy	32	20	.02
Raleigh	clear	48	32	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	60	40	.0
Shreveport	cldy	58	44	.02
St. Louis	clear	42	30	.0
Washington	cldy	38	28	.0

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 4.—Sugar, raw firm; molasses 4.43; centrifugal 5.20; refined firm.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 7 5-8; Santos 4s, 9 1-8.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Atlantic Coast Line

"The Standard Railroad of the South"

Bulletin of Special Round Trip Fares

—from—

WILMINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C. **$16.85**
On sale December 5, 6 and 7, limited returning December 14, 1915.

CHARLESTON, S. C. **$7.35**
Account Southern Commercial Congress
On sale Dec. 11, 12 and 13; limited returning December 22.

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On sale December 13, 14 and 15, limited returning December 18, 1915.

For schedules, reservations, etc.

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San Francisco, California.
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Premier Carrier of the South.
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March 1st to November 30th, 1915.
Final return limit will be three (3) months from date of sale, not to exceed December 31st, 1915.

Low round trip fares apply as follows:

Raleigh, N. C.	$37.95
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On sale Dec. 5, 6 and 7th; limited returning Midnight, Dec. 14th.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, or any information, call 'phone 178, or apply to Agent.

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Southern Commercial Congress

$7.35---CHARLESTON---$7.35

For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Charleston at $7.35. Tickets will be sold for all trains on December 11, 12 and 13, limited returning to midnight of December 22, 1915. Proportionately low fares will be made from all points on the Atlantic Coast Line.

This is a convention of the greatest importance to the South's commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests, and will be an opening wedge for it's opportunities at this time. In recognition of its importance the United States Government proposes to send nine (9) battleships to Charleston and in addition there will be a large number of cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines there for the inspection and pleasure of the large number of the South's representative citizens who will be present.

For schedules and further information, Phone 160.

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Lv. Wilmington ..... 3:45 P. M.
Ar. Atlanta ..... 6:05 A. M.

Connects in Union Depot with the "Dixie Flyer," leaving 8:15 A. M. for Chicago and St. Louis, via Chattanooga and Nashville, and with the "South Atlantic Limited," leaving 7:12 A. M., for Cincinnati, Louisville and Indianapolis, via Knoxville.

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Lv. Wilmington	6:45 P. M.	
Ar. Norfolk	7:35 A. M.	
Ar. Washington	7:50 A. M.	
Ar. New York	1:40 P. M.	

Broiler-Buffet service to Washington. Dining Cars thence to New York.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE,
The Standard Railroad of the South.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
NEW TRAINS 31 AND 32 between AUGUSTA AND NEW YORK.

The Southern Railway inaugurated new trains effective Sunday, Oct. 24th, between Augusta, Columbia, Charlotte and Greensboro, to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, on fast and convenient schedule. New train No. 32, northbound, will pass Greensboro at 10:25 P. M., arrive Washington, D. C. 7:00 A. M., New York, 12:57 P. M. New train No. 31, southbound, will pass Greensboro at 3:35 A. M.

This new train service should be particularly advantageous to patrons from Raleigh, Durham, Burlington and all intermediate points, going to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Northern cities, as train No. 131, from Raleigh to Greensboro, will connect with this new train northbound.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Oct. 31, 1915. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 58. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 53. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 67. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 62. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 85. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 79. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:26 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
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c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:46 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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b—Sundays only.
c—Superseded by half hour cars Sunday afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
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HIGH COMPLIMENT PAID M'LEAN OF LUMBERTON

His Campaign Button Design, "America First," Adopted.

Democratic National Committee Orders 20,000—Hood Gets Important Committee Place—Godwin Arrives in Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The Democratic National committee paid A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, a high compliment today when it decided to accept the button design originated by the Lumberton man, "America First," as the official campaign button for the coming contest. Mr. McLean, who came here today to discuss political matters with Thomas J. Pence and other Democratic leaders, was notified by Mr. Pence that his idea had been accepted and told him that an immediate order for 20,000 buttons had been given.

Representative Godwin arrived today and is ready for the opening session of Congress. Mr. Godwin appears to be very well satisfied with the progress of his campaign. A prominent Democrat from Mr. Godwin's district told The Star correspondent that he has no doubt that Godwin will win over any man now in the race. He said there might be a second primary but that Godwin was sure to win, that he has grown in popularity with the city people and has lost none of his old time strength among the farmers.

As forecasted exclusively in The Star, Congressman George Hood was today given assignment on the public buildings and grounds committee and immigration. He was also named a member of the census committee.

The chances that North Carolina may get one of the training camps similar to the Plattsburg encampment are very good. Major General Leonard Wood told members of the Military College Association last night that a camp would be established in the South within a very short time.

The chances are that Greensboro or Morehead City Will get the camp.

P. R. A.

VOTE AGAINST BASEBALL.

Resolution Adopted to Abandon Inter-Collegiate Contests.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Members of the Big Nine Faculty Committee today sounded the death knell of baseball as an inter-collegiate sport in the mid-western conference. In addition to refusing to sanction summer baseball playing by their athletes, the committee voted to refer to each institution a resolution providing for the abolition of the diamond sport entirely, except for inter-class contests.

As most of the delegates voted under instructions, it is presumed that the colleges will support their resolution, and that inter-collegiate baseball will be given up before the spring season starts.

Advocates of the anti-baseball resolution argued that the abolition of the game would do away with 75 per cent of eligibility questions. They declared that baseball has become so commercialized that its retention as a college sport was not desirable.

FORD EXPEDITION SAILS FOR EUROPE

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colors of about 17 countries. Red, white and blue predominated. Two large white doves, carefully mounted and bearing olive branches were suspended from the ceiling of the main salon.

Henry Ford boarded the steamer at 1:05 o'clock accompanied by several friends and three policemen. The latter held the crowd back while Ford posed for a score of moving picture cameras and more than 75 other photographers. Ford carried a tattered American flag which he waved with one hand while he repeatedly doffed his hat to the cameras.

Fifteen minutes before the ship was scheduled to sail a messenger boy riding in a taxicab drove onto the pier. He carried a large covered cage, which was believed to contain a live dove. When the cage was uncovered, however, it was found that the occupant was a large grey squirrel. This created much merriment and one of the secretaries placed the squirrel directly under one of the mounted peace doves.

Two bands played constantly during the last 45 minutes before the ship got away. The crowd both outside and on the dock steadily increased and some difficulty was experienced in clearing the ship of a hundred or more persons who were there to bid friends goodbye.

Marriage Performed on Board.

One of the diversions during the last hour was the marriage on board the ship of Miss Marion Rubincom, of Philadelphia, and Berton Braley, of New York. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, who was a member of the peace party. The bride and bridegroom also sailed.

After the ship had been cleared of visitors and the captain was waiting the word to cast off, the crowd that filled the large pier gathered as close to the ship as possible and either sang patriotic songs or cheered for the success of the venture.

Cries for Henry Ford were responded to by Mr. Ford, appearing at the rail. His voice was not sufficiently strong to make himself heard to the great crowd, so one of his friends volunteered to act as his spokesman. He said:

"Mr. Ford asks me to assure you, individually and collectively, that he appreciates this demonstration, and that he thanks you all for the interest in the mission."

Mr. Ford nodded approval as the volunteer finished speaking.

When the steamer had backed from her pier and headed down the Hudson, a number of tugs, each loaded with friends of the Ford party, accompanied her until the Oscar II was well past the Battery. River craft gave the peace ship a parting salute with whistles and sirens, as the steamer swept down the bay.

Before sailing, Mr. Ford issued what he called a farewell statement.

Makes Farewell Statement.

"I am sailing with the firm belief," he said, "that great good will come of this mission. It will keep alive the thought that peace is possible, as well as desirable, and so long as that is possible, hope of peace exists.

"I know little of the details of the working plan of the peace conference, but I do know that every effort will be made for an honorable and early peace. If this conference succeeds only in bringing about a beginning of negotiations for peace, it will have accomplished a good work.

"My heart is in this work for peace and it is for this reason that I have stood behind the ship and helped the people reach a common meeting place to discuss the possibilities of peace with the representatives of other neutral countries.

"We are leaving with the feeling that those parts of the world now at peace and at war have heard of the plan and are in sympathy with the move and that the best wishes of the great majority go with us."

In the list of envoys given out by Mr. Ford's associates, are among others Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco; Lieut. Gov. A. J. Bethea, of South Carolina; Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevan, of New York; S. C. Evans, Des Moines, Iowa; Frederick H. Holt, Detroit; T. A. Hostetter, Washington; the Rev. Jenkins J. Jones, Chicago; the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit; Louis Maverick, Winnettka, Ills.; George F. Milton, Chattanooga; E. H. Holthan, Williamstown, Mass.; Henry C. Morros, of Chicago; Senator Helen R. Robinson, Denver; T. Monroe Smock, New Plymouth, Idaho; Charles D. Thompson, Chicago; Hendrick W. Van Loon, Ithaca, N. Y.; Arthur L. Weatherby, Lincoln, Neb.; the Rev. W. M. Wright, Little Rock, Ark., and L. P. Nelson, New York.

Twenty-three members of the party are women. Students from Yale, Vassar, Barnard, Dartmouth, Oberlin, Williams, Drake, Vanderbilt and Columbia and the Universities of Kansas, Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Michigan and Texas, accompany the expedition.

The peace delegates received large red celluloid buttons bearing a white star with rays and the words, "Our of the trenches by Christmas."

Second Party to Sail.

To accommodate a number of peace advocates who arrived too late to sail on the Oscar II, it was announced at the Ford peace headquarters here that reservations will be made for them on the Frederick VIII, of the same line which sails on December 8th. This second party may number a dozen and it was announced will include three governors who did not go on the Oscar II. Their names were not revealed.

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

CLOSED DOORS LAST NIGHT

Yesterday's Attendance of 342,378 Beat All Previous Records.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.— The world bade the Panama-Pacific International Exposition farewell today, the closing day marking a new record in its attendance history.

From dawn until evening, when the towers and minarets of the exposition began to glow for the last time, steady streams of humanity passed through the turnstiles. At 8 o'clock tonight 348,378 visitors were recorded—more than had been admitted on San Francisco Day, November 2—when the record of 348,372 was hung up.

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WANTED — SECOND HAND PIANO, State condition and price in first letter. P. O. Box 442, City. de5-1t

JUST OFF MARKET STREET, ON 7TH, we have for sale a seven-room dwelling, in good condition, which we can sell you for less than $3,250.00. We can also arrange liberal terms. See James & James, Inc., Insurance and Real Estate, Southern Bldg., 'Phone 163. de5-1t

FOR RENT — 212 RED CROSS; NEW modern apartment, second floor, 5 rooms and bath, southwestern exposure. On car line. Apply 210 Red Cross; 'Phone 1073-J. de5-1t*

IF LOOKING FOR HOME OR INVEST-ment, let us show you a house on Seventh between Queen and Wooster. Price, $1,250.00; good terms; will install bath and lights; house will rent for $12.00 or $15.00 per month. It's a real bargain. Wilder's Real Estate Agency. de5-1t

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FOR RENT—COTTAGE, NO. 209 SOUTH Sixth street. Low rent; all conveniences. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. de5-1t

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WANTED — BOARDERS. MEALS, with or without rooms. Every modern convenience, including steam heat. 'Phone 1040. 414 North Second street. de5-1t*

FOR SALE — VACANT LOT, N. W. corner 3rd and Marstellar streets, or will make trade for small renting property. As price is low, this will go first of week. Geo. B. Applewhite, 210 Princess street. de5-1t

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REMINGTON VISIBLE TYPEWRITER, $25.00; has back spacing attachment, two-color ribbon; tabulator, etc., and is in perfect condition throughout. Address "X Z," care Star office. de5-1t*

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FOR RENT — THREE UNFURNISH-ed rooms for light housekeeping, on Walnut, between Front and Second streets, $12.50 per months. 'Phone, lights and water free. Desire couple without children. Apply at once, 'Phone 1740-J. de5-1t*

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FOR RENT — LARGE FURNISHED bed room, adjoining bath. All conveniences; near 5th and Princess; $7.10 per month. References required. 'Phone 1714-J. de5-1t*

FRESH PORK SAUSAGE, DELIVERED at Wilmington, 20 cents per pound. Sunshine Canning and Preserving Co., Point Caswell, N. C. de5-1t*

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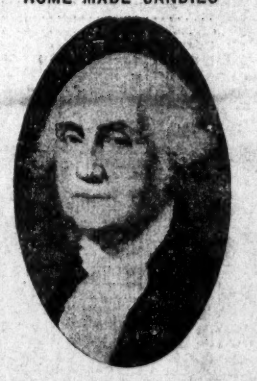

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